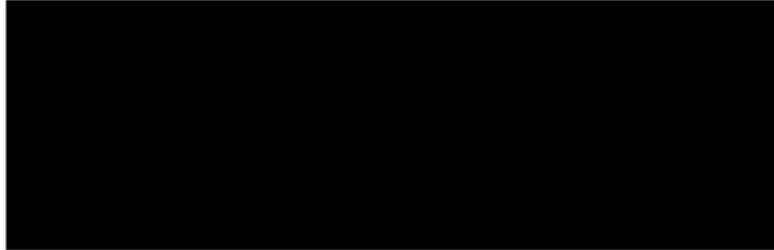




Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

May 29, 2019

MR. JASON LEOPOLD



FOIPA Request No.: 1193607-000
Subject: KHAN, SAMIR

Dear Mr. Leopold:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

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817 pages were reviewed and 445 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

- ☒ Documents were located which originated with, or contained information concerning, other Government Agencies [OGA].
- ☒ This information has been referred to the OGA(s) for review and direct response to you.
- ☒ We are consulting with another agency. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is completed.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. The **"Standard Responses to Requests"** section of the Addendum applies to all requests. If the subject of your request is a person, the **"Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals"** section also applies. The **"General Information"** section includes useful information about FBI records.

For questions regarding our determinations, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." The FOIPA Request Number listed above has been assigned to your request. Please use this number in all correspondence concerning your request.

You may file an appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA online portal by creating an account on the following website: <https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days from the date of this letter in order to be considered timely. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.

You may seek dispute resolution services by contacting the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at 877-684-6448, or by emailing ogis@nara.gov. Alternatively, you may contact the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison by emailing foipaquestions@fbi.gov. If you submit your dispute resolution correspondence by email, the subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified.



See additional information which follows.

Sincerely,



David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

The enclosed documents represent the thirteenth interim release of information responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request.

Inquiries regarding your OGA referrals may be directed to the following agencies at:

Office of the Director of National Intelligence
Attention: Sally Nicholson
Room 4S-201-117
Erskine Hall, ICC-B, Gate 5
1000 Colonial Farm Road
McLean, VA 22101

Transportation Security Administration
Attention: Kevin J. Janet
FOIA Officer, TSA-20
601 South 12th Street
Arlington, VA 20598-6020

Upon receipt of the enclosed Compact Disc (CD), please go to www.pay.gov to make an electronic payment* in the amount of **\$15.00**, or make a check or money order payable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and mail it to the Work Process Unit, Record/Information Dissemination Section, Information Management Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 170 Marcel Drive, Winchester, VA 22602. Please include the FOIPA Request Number with your payment. Failure to pay for this release within thirty (30) days from the date of this letter will close any pending FBI FOIPA requests from you. Nonpayment will also cause an automatic denial of any future FOIPA requests.

**Pay.gov is a secure web-based application that accepts credit card and ACH payments online, and is hosted by the United States Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service. For frequent FOIPA requesters, it is recommended to create a Pay.gov account to retain an online history of payments made through Pay.gov and to retain specific information for future payments. To make an electronic payment, complete the FBI Freedom of Information Act and Privacy Act Form located on Pay.gov. Please note: if a refund is necessary, there is less processing time to refund a credit card payment than an ACH payment.*

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter, the FBI FOIPA Addendum includes information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. If you submitted a request regarding yourself or another person, Part 2 includes additional standard responses that apply to requests for individuals. If you have questions regarding the standard responses in Parts 1 or 2, visit the www.fbi.gov/foia website under "Contact Us." Previously mentioned appeal and dispute resolution services are also available. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful.

Part 1: Standard Responses to All Requests: See Below for all Requests

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV (2010)). FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the fbi.gov website.
- (ii) **National Security/Intelligence Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of national security and foreign intelligence records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1) and (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) as applicable to requests for records about individuals [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2); 50 U.S.C § 3024(i)(1)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3); 50 USC § 3024(i)(1). This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that national security or foreign intelligence records do or do not exist.

Part 2: Standard Responses to Requests for Individuals: See Below for all Requests for Individuals

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records for Incarcerated Individuals.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any incarcerated individual pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(E) and (b)(7)(F) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (b)(7)(F), and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching those systems or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. Most requests are satisfied by searching the Central Record System (CRS), an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled and maintained by the FBI in the course of fulfilling its dual law enforcement and intelligence mission as well as the performance of agency administrative and personnel functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization and encompasses the records of FBI Headquarters ("FBIHQ"), FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices ("Legats") worldwide. A CRS search includes Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records.
- (ii) **FBI Records**
Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Requests for Criminal History Records or "Rap Sheets."** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks —often referred to as a criminal history record or "rap sheets." These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative "FBI file." An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.
- (iv) **The National Name Check Program (NNCP).** The mission of NNCP is to analyze and report information in response to name check requests received from federal agencies, for the purpose of protecting the United States from foreign and domestic threats to national security. Please be advised that this is a service provided to other federal agencies. Private citizens cannot request a name check.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552a

- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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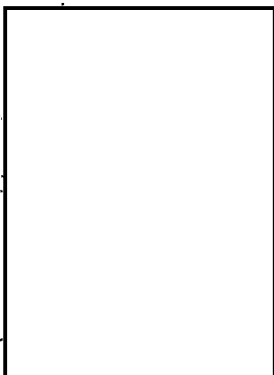
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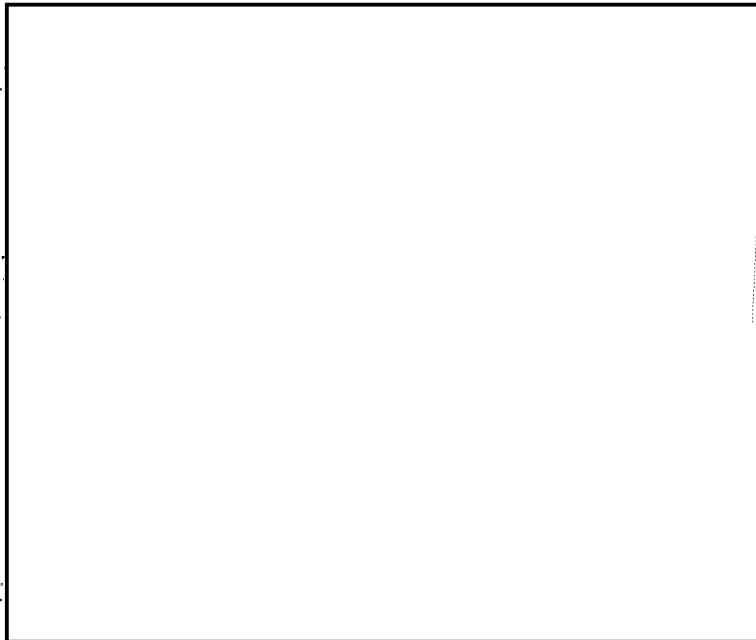
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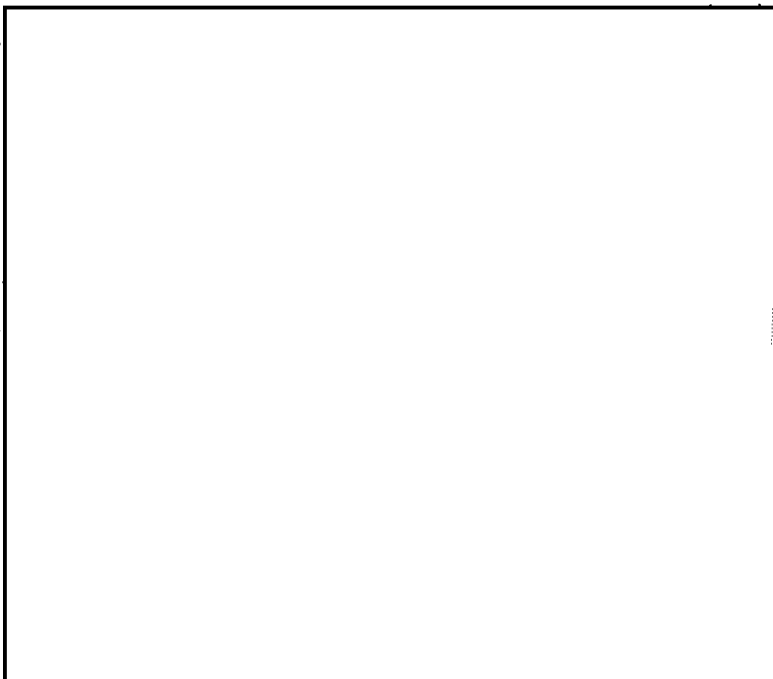
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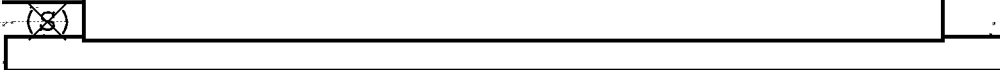


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Yemen: The Campaign against Global Jihad and the Houthis – Situation Report and Directions of Development

Background

The struggle raging between global Jihad activists and the Yemeni regime poses a great question mark over the Yemeni government's ability to cope with these developments, and increases fear of greater control over the country by the Jihadists. This is taking place against a backdrop of other events in Yemen, such as the conflict with the Houthis, and Iranian involvement.

The scenario of Jihadist control is not unrealistic and if it occurs, there will be a control/influence continuity on various levels of the terrorist organizations in Iraq, Yemen and Somalia – a scenario that may also affect the international shipping routes in Aden Bay, and later on along the Somalia coast, turning the region into an area of piracy and terrorist organizations' activity.

Today there is already collaboration between the Somalia-based "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization and Al-Qaeda in Yemen.

The connection between the Yemeni Jihadi infrastructure and two terrorist attacks against the United States (the attack at the Texas military base carried out by Nidal Malek Hassan in November 2009, and the failed attempt to blow up an American passenger plane in December 2009) have moved the danger arising from the Yemeni infrastructure into the spotlight and drawn international attention.

It should be noted that the global Jihadi infrastructure in Yemen is not new and has been operating for many years in a relatively comfortable environment: a weak state and a regime that has turned a blind eye to radical Islamic activity. This infrastructure has been aided by sources external to the organization, especially with regards to financing, and was built on a basis of local leaderships.

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and personnel, alongside radical religious clerics and ideologists who enabled it to base itself and expand amongst the tribes people.

This document aims to present an analysis of the recent trends in Yemen while mapping the state of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP), and the Jihadi dialogue surrounding the situation in Yemen, in view of the developments in the local and international theaters.

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The Players in Yemen

1. The Yemeni regime

The modern Republic of Yemen was born in 1990 when traditionalist North Yemen and Marxist South Yemen merged after years of border wars and skirmishes. But the peace broke down in 1994 and a short civil war ended in defeat for separatist southerners.

Since unification Yemen has been modernizing and opening up to the world, but it still maintains much of its tribal character and old ways. Tensions persist between the north and the south; some southerners say the northern part of the state is economically privileged.

Since the summer of 2009, hundreds have been killed and more than a quarter of a million people displaced by clashes between government troops and northern Houthi rebels belonging to the minority Shia Zaidi sect. The government declared a ceasefire with the northern rebels in February 2010.

In Yemen, people wear traditional dress and the custom of chewing the narcotic plant Khat in the afternoons is still widely observed. The country has attracted the curiosity of a growing number of tourists, although foreigners have been kidnapped by groups seeking to force concessions from the authorities.

Yemen has also gained a reputation as a haven for Islamic militants. Towards the end of 2009, the country came under the spotlight after crackdowns on Al-Qaeda-linked militancy in Afghanistan and Pakistan raised fears that Yemen was becoming a key training centre for militants.

After a Yemen-based branch of Al-Qaeda claimed that it was behind a failed attack on a US airliner on Christmas Day 2009, the government stepped up

its efforts to clamp down on Islamic militants, but warned that it needed help to win the battle against militancy.

The truce with northern rebels in February 2010 allowed the government to focus its attention on the struggle against Al-Qaeda and southern separatists.¹

2. The Houthis

In recent years the Yemeni government has been waging a fierce war in the northern part of the country against radical Shiite tribes called Houthis – named after their founder, Husayn Badr Al-Din Al-Houthi, who was killed in the summer of 2004 in a battle with government forces. The Houthis aspire to establish an independent Shiite state that does not recognize Sunni tribes.² These Shiite tribes receive funding, and military and logistical support from Iran, although Iran denies these claims.³

3. Al-Qaeda

In January 2009 a merger between Al-Qaeda in Saudi Arabia and Al-Qaeda in Yemen was announced, with the group operating under the name "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula" (AQAP). The organization's headquarters are located in Yemen, and have been responsible for the execution of terrorist attacks within Yemen against local and western targets, as well as outside of Yemen. Following two terrorist attacks – the one in November 2009 at the Texas military base, and the second, one month later, in December 2009 against an American passenger aircraft – a campaign has been waged by the Yemeni

¹ http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/low/middle_east/country_profiles/784383.stm

² For a detailed explanation of the Zaidiya Al-Houthi group, see: http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Hezbollah_Yemen.pdf, page 5-6.

³ http://www.mohab.com/show_news.aspx?id=202525&pg=1

authorities, with US and Saudi aid, against Al-Qaeda strongholds in the country.

In February 2010, Abu Yahya Al-Libi, considered to be the no. 3 man in Al-Qaeda, attacked the Yemeni government, accusing it of heresy. In an article he published titled "Yemen Government to U.S.: [We are Ready to Submit] Our Neck for Slaughter Instead of Your Neck", he ruled (Al-Libi is considered to be Al-Qaeda's Mufti) that it is permitted to fight the Yemeni Army, who began collaborating with the United States against the organization's activists.⁴

4. Outside players

- a. Saudi Arabia: Since war broke out between the Houthi tribes and the Yemeni government in the summer of 2009, Saudi Arabia found itself involved in fighting. Saudi forces moved south, operating not only along the border with Yemen, but also within Yemen itself. Saudi Arabia is helping Yemen in its battle against the Houthis, as well as against Al-Qaeda, many of whose activists came to Yemen from Saudi Arabia.
- b. Iran: For regional strategic reasons Iran provides logistical and military aid, through Hezbollah amongst other methods, to the Houthi tribes. The objective is to use the Shiite population in the Gulf countries as a tool for expanding the Iranian hegemony over events in the region.
- c. The United States: Since the two terrorist attacks connected to the Yemeni infrastructure carried out in November and December 2009, the United States has been helping the Yemeni forces with money, instruction and training in the face of the Al-Qaeda strongholds in the country.

⁴<http://hpcia.info/zh/abouthead.php?k=158822>

The population of Yemen is divided into two main Islamic religious groups: the Shiite faction of the Zaidiya (Zayid bin Ali, Muhammad's son in law who was murdered by the Sunnis), which is located in the northern and western parts of Yemen, and the Shafi'iya of the Sunni faction, who are located in south and

southeast Yemen. Despite the fact that the Zaidiya Shiites comprise a little less than half the population, they are the basis on which the Yemen government is founded.

The population of Yemen is very homogenous with a Muslim population of about 97%, and today the Sunnis outnumber the Shiites. About 95% of its population is Arab, some of Bedouin origin. In addition, small minority groups of Jews, Somalis and others also live in Yemen.

Northern Yemen received its independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1918, at the end of World War I. The British, who established a protectorate in the 19th century in the region of the southern port town of Aden, left in 1967 and Southern Yemen was established. Three years later the South Yemen government adopted Communism and became close to the Soviet Union. After 20 years of hostility the two Yemeni countries were united in 1990. A Southern Separatist movement founded in 1994 was quickly suppressed, even though it occasionally raises its head and claims discrimination at the hands of the government.

In recent years the Yemeni government has waged war in the north of the country against the radical Houthi tribes, who have the military and logistical support of Iran and Hezbollah.⁵

Another significant player entering the arena at the beginning of the 21st century is global Jihad. In October 2000, a terrorist attack was carried out in Aden Bay against the American destroyer, USS Cole, killing 17 American sailors. Since then, Yemen has become a fertile ground for the expansion of the base of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

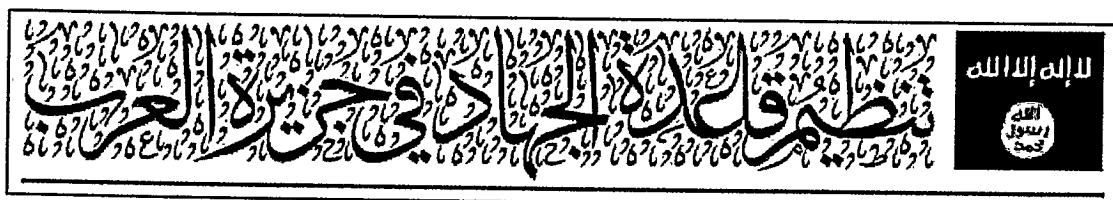
⁵ <http://www.sawt.com/details.asp?section=4&article=561649&issue=11124>

Since the end of 2009, the United States (in collaboration and coordination with the governments of Yemen and Saudi Arabia), has conducted a hunt for the organization's activists in Yemen – it seems that after Afghanistan and Iraq, Yemen has become Al-Qaeda's main theatre of activity.

Yemen's important strategic location means that every threat on the country is a global threat, and entrenchment there could lead to the country serving as a departure point for individuals and materials to other theaters of Jihad. In addition, Yemen is strategically located as it controls the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, including Perim Island; which 30% of the world's oil supply passes through as well as 16,000 ships every year. Furthermore, the proximity to the Horn of Africa and the strength of the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" organization in Somalia versus the weakness of the government there, pose a challenge to the region's stability and a threat to international commercial activity. The Gulf of Aden and the Arabian Sea are other strategic aspects of Yemen's important location with regards to international trade and connections to Asia.⁶

⁶ <http://elibrary.org/bit/NR/convert/9EA9D3ED-B7C5-4CB6-97DA-5C14A5C4B595.htm>

Important Milestones in the Development of Al-Qaeda's Infrastructure in Yemen



General

In January 2009, Al-Qaeda in Saudi Arabia and Yemen merged into one organization – “Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula”. Up until this point, Al-Qaeda in Yemen had operated as a separate branch in the southern part of the Arabian Peninsula.

The Organization's Stages of Development: 2000 – 2006

Al-Qaeda's Yemeni infrastructure is based on the Wahabbi ideology. Issue no. 4 of the Jihadi magazine “Al-Mushtaquun Ila Al-Jannah” [Those yearning for Heaven], published in January 2010, contained an article titled “Religious clerics and Shahids of the Arabian Peninsula according to the Wahabbi way”. The article profiled the prominent figures in the Wahabbi movement who have molded the ideology of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.⁷

Al-Qaeda's first leader in Yemen was Abu Ali Al-Harethi.

Following the 9/11 attacks, most of Al-Qaeda's local leadership in Yemen, including Al-Harethi himself, were killed or arrested. Between 2002 and 2006, Al-Qaeda cells in Yemen were disbanded and most of their



members were eliminated. The remaining infrastructure in Yemen was very

⁷ “Al-Mushtaquun Ila Al-Jannah” issue no. 4, January 2010, pages 48–54

active in recruiting and sending activists to the Jihad theatres in Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia etc., and in spreading ideas, reports and propaganda materials relating to these fronts. An example of this activity is Abu Ibrahim Al-Masri, a graduate of a university in Sana'a and an activist with Al-Qaeda in Yemen, who was killed in the aerial attacks alongside the border between Pakistan and Afghanistan in 2008.⁸ Yemen also served as a transit station for Jihadists from one Jihad arena to another, and as a bridge between Asia and Africa.

2006 – 2009

February 3rd 2006 was an important milestone for Al-Qaeda in Yemen and in general. Twenty three terrorist activists, including Al-Qaeda commanders, escaped from a secure prison in Yemen. All the local organization's cells in Yemen were reunited under a new leadership who had sworn allegiance (whilst still in prison) to Abu Basir Nasir Abd Al-Karim Al-Wahishi, the organization's Amir who was in his 30s.

The new leadership built training camps and opened communications with all of Al-Qaeda's affiliates around the world, including the main leadership in Afghanistan.⁹ New recruits swore their allegiance to the new organization in Yemen after it received the mandate of the general leadership from Ayman Al-Zawahiri in November 2008. At the same time, an organizational infrastructure was created which included: a religious committee, an administrative entity dealing with recruiting activists and receiving them, a training mechanism, and a

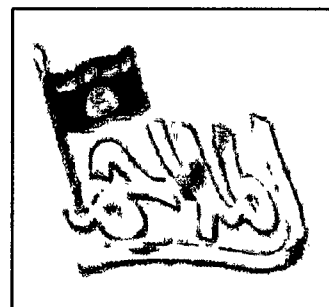
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production team who dealt with the manufacturing and preparation of explosives for the organization's terrorist attacks.¹⁰

Between 2006 and 2008 the organization carried out several attacks – first and foremost the terrorist attack against the American embassy in Sana'a in September 2008,¹¹ as well as the assassination of senior members of the Yemeni security forces. In October 2008, a month after the attack on the American embassy in Sana'a, activists from the "Shahid Abu Ali Al-Harethi Brigades" – named after Al-Qaeda's first leader in Yemen – assassinated Muhammad bin Rebaysh, the Security Chief of Mareb's Madghal District. The killing was in retaliation for Rebaysh's direct involvement in the pursuit of Al-Harethi, who was killed in November 2002, as well as for his collaboration with the American embassy in Yemen.¹²

In 2008 Al-Qaeda in Yemen founded a media institute called "Al-Malahem" (The Battles), through which it publishes a periodical magazine called "Sada Al-Malahem" (Echo of the Battles),¹³ videos, audio tapes, official announcements and other publications. In June



2010 a new Jihadi magazine in English was posted on the Jihadi forums, called "Inspire". The magazine is published by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's "Al-

¹⁰ <http://marebpress.net/articles.php?id=5804>

¹¹ For an analysis of the modus operandi of the terrorist attack against the American embassy, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_US_Embassy_Yemen.pdf. For a list of Al-Qaeda's prominent terrorist attacks in Yemen, see appendix 1.

¹² <http://www.swalif.com/forum/archive/index.php/t-156291.html>

¹³ See appendix no. 3 for a summary of the subjects reported in the magazine from January 2008.

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Malahem" institute.¹⁴ It is thought that the magazine is written by a young man from North Carolina named Samir Khan, who immigrated to Yemen.¹⁵



Inspire



Samir Khan

2009 onwards

In January 2009 the merging of Al-Qaeda in Saudi Arabia with the organization's branch in Yemen was announced, under the umbrella of "Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula", and the organization's headquarters were set up in Yemen.¹⁶ Following the declaration, many young activists from Saudi Arabia came to strengthen the existing organizational infrastructure. The activity of the security forces in Yemen against the organization forced it to operate in a decentralized manner and to operate on a basis of local cells.¹⁷ Throughout all this, the Yemeni infrastructure continued to provide logistical support for the Jihad activists from other arenas by way of training and securing the passage to the various Jihad

¹⁴ [http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?183144-\[-Inspire-\]](http://www.hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?183144-[-Inspire-])

¹⁵ <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2010/07/20/nc-congresswoman-calls-american-stripped-citizenship-al-qaeda-website/>

¹⁶ For information on Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leadership, see appendix no. 2.

¹⁷ <http://merchandise.net/articles.php?id=5804>

theatres, as well as securing the communication channels and the transfer of weapons.

At the end of November 2009, the "Ansar Al-Mujahideen" Jihadi forum in English posted a review which analyzed the activity of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. According to the author, Yemen is a vital geographical location for the future of Jihad. The author even claims that Yemen is "Afghanistan-Pakistan in the heart of the Arab world". In one of the responses to the review, a surfer posted selected excerpts from an article that was published in the "Long War Journal" in November 2009, which reported that a new training camp had been built in southern Yemen. According to the article, two Al-Qaeda training camps opened in the Abyan province in 2009. According to the report, the new camps were built with the knowledge of the Yemeni government – in return the Al-Qaeda fighters would fight the Houthi rebels in the north. Today there are over 400 local and foreign fighters in the camp, most of them from Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Somalia. According to various reports, in order to build a closer connection with the local population, Al-Qaeda activists not of Yemeni origin married local women. It was further reported that in October–November 2009 the residents of the region asked Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to teach in the schools. It is clear from these analyses that the Saudi rehabilitation program for Al-Qaeda detainees released from Guantanamo Bay has failed, and that participants reverted to the path of terrorism and integrated into Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.¹⁸

On January 11th 2010, the Al-Jazeera station aired a show on "The future of Al-Qaeda in Yemen". On the show, Abd Al-Bari Taher, former chairman of the

¹⁸ <http://ansarnet.info/showthread.php?t=16506>,
http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2009/11/al_qaeda_opens_new_t.php,
http://www.longwarjournal.org/archives/2009/01/return_to_jihad.php

Journalists' Union in Yemen, said that there are various estimates of the size of Al-Qaeda in Yemen. According to him, the organization numbers from hundreds to thousands of activists, including those who have infiltrated the security systems, the army and the state's important sectors. In addition, the organization is active within the Yemeni tribes, which constitute a hothouse for Jihad entities.¹⁹

Abdul Ela Haydar Sha'i, the Yemeni journalist who is close to the leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, describes the two tiers of the Al-Qaeda organization in Yemen. The organization's first tier is the cells which are subject to the main mechanism in Afghanistan, led by Osama bin Laden. These few cells pledged their allegiance (Bayaa)²⁰ directly to bin Laden, and are dispersed across various regions throughout Yemen. The second tier is the ideological system, which has a hold on various aspects of Yemeni society. Sha'i notes that after the terrorist attacks in Madrid (March 2004), Al-Qaeda published an announcement declaring that the third front after Iraq and Afghanistan would be Yemen.²¹

¹⁹ <http://aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8FA8D3FD-B7C5-4CB6-97DA-EC14A5C4BE8E.htm>

²⁰ The Bayaa ceremony is performed in Islamic societies as a means of formally endorsing the rule of a newly-appointed Imam, Sultan or other leader, by a pledge of allegiance.

²¹ <http://aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/8FA8D3FD-B7C5-4CB6-97DA-EC14A5C4BE8E.htm>

Sha'i has access to senior members of the organization and in the past has even interviewed the leader, Abu Basir Al-Wahishi. He has a blog at <http://abdulela.maktoobblog.com>, where he analyses the trends of global Jihad organizations, focusing on Yemen. Furthermore, the Arab media interviews him as an expert on Jihadi organizations, he is an active member on Jihadi forums, and the Al-Qaeda media institutes publish his articles.



Abu Basir (right) being interviewed by Sha'i

The Organization's Structure and Action Patterns

On January 21st 2010 the Al-Jazeera channel published preliminary research by Abdul Ela Haydar Sha'i titled "Al-Qaeda in Yemen – from the local to the regional and international".²² Sha'i explains that after Yemen and Saudi Arabia succeeded in eliminating Al-Qaeda as a local organizational skeleton between 2003 and 2006, it has returned today and made Yemen its regional headquarters. The branch in the Arabian Peninsula has become the most prominent one in the world and the most active on the local, regional and international levels. According to him, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's claim of responsibility for the attempted terrorist attack on the passenger airplane over Detroit on December 25th 2009 indicates its new character. The organization in Yemen has become a global front and a focal point of the dialogue on future threats.

Sah'i notes that bin Laden jumpstarted the organization in the Arabian Peninsula in a message in the mid 1990s, titled "Expel the Mushrikeen"²³ from the Arabian Peninsula". This message was addressed to the religious clerics in Saudi Arabia,

²² <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4D7201CC-974F-4541-A1BE-833DD0D8BD96.htm>

²³ Those who associate partners with Allah

the National Guard soldiers and the Army soldiers. It is in fact the first official document heralding the origin of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. In the document he declared that the United States is the enemy, described Saudi Arabia as being occupied by foreign forces, compared Mecca and Medina to the Al-Aqsa Mosque, and said that Saudi Arabia has become a region under the "Zionist-Crusader" occupation.

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula began operating in its current form in January 2009, after Ayman Al-Zawahiri blessed the Abu Basir Nasser Al-Wahishi Emirate in November 2008, and called Wahishi the "Amir of the Mujahideen". After the merger, Ayman Al-Zawahiri referred to it as a revival of Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula. Al-Qaeda's leader in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid, killed in May 2010, also gave his blessing to the organization in June 2009, saying that "Abu Basir is the Amir of the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula".

In an interview with Al-Jazeera in January 2009, Al-Wahishi said that the organization is structured in the same manner as an administrative institution, with a Deputy Amir, Shura Council, Media Committee, Committee for Religious Affairs and a Military Committee. The Shura Council, headed by Abu Basir, is the supreme entity in the organization. The Council has non-Yemeni members, including the Deputy, Said Al-Shihri. The organization has a media department which includes a television editing unit, and a journalism department in charge of printed publications. This department publishes the "Sada Al-Malahem" magazine every two months. It also distributes the organization's propaganda, official announcements and research published by other departments. The military department includes an office in charge of military development and

manufacturing, which manufactures advanced military weapons such as the explosives charge used in the attempt on the life of Prince Muhammad bin Naif at the end of August 2009, and the failed attack on the plane over Detroit.

The Religious Committee held a conference to discuss the ramifications of the terrorist attack on the American embassy in Sana'a in September 2008. Amongst the Committee members are Saudi and Yemeni citizens wanted by the authorities. All of the organization's committees are known and operate publicly, but there is a veil of secrecy over the members, except for the organization's leaders such as the Amir, his deputy, the military commander and the religious leader. The unknown activists include the individual in charge of propaganda.

Al-Qaeda views Yemen as a main support pillar in its global plan. The organization's ideology is based on Muslim tradition, which describes Yemen as the "supply land" and the "Creator's soul", where 12,000 fighters from the best armies from the southern regions of the country will emerge to fight for Allah. Yemen is also important for the organization due to its geographical structure of mountains, valleys, desert and coastline. Furthermore, the population is mostly tribal in nature, and supports the needs of an armed organization such as Al-Qaeda by providing shelter to strangers, aiding them, defending them and bearing arms.

According to Sha'i, this why the Yemeni component has played an important role in Al-Qaeda's many fighting fronts and attacks – Nairobi and Dar Es-Salaam in 1998, the USS Cole destroyer in October 2000, the 9/11 attacks, the active fronts in Iraq, Afghanistan and Somalia, and even "Fatah Al-Islam" in Lebanon in 2007.

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Following the terrorist attacks in Madrid, Al-Qaeda stated that Yemen would be the third front after Afghanistan and Iraq. Due to this, Al-Qaeda is operating in accordance with the strategy of establishing four main armies that will advance towards the heart of the world in Palestine – an army from Khorasan (Pakistan and Afghanistan), an army from Iraq, an army from Yemen and an army from the Sham region. The organization in the Arabian Peninsula strives to disband the regimes in the Arabian Peninsula so that it can establish the army that will leave for Palestine from Yemen and wage battles in the Sham countries. For this reason, the organization's media institute is called "Al-Malahem".



Masked Al-Qaeda activists in Yemen

According to Sha'i, many of the religious clerics and general public believe in the ideas of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, with this belief seen particularly amongst the Yemeni tribes. However, the number of the organization's cells is small, with several dozen cells dispersed over various regions in Yemen. The organization's activists, mainly of Arab origin, are spread throughout the capital Sana'a, in the tribal regions and the periphery, and around the coastal zone and regions with natural resources.

Sha'i adds that there are indications that the organization's activists have infiltrated the government. Evidence of this can be found in the terrorist attack on the United States' embassy in Sana'a in September 2008, and the April 2009 attack on the South Korean investigative team who were traveling to the airport in Sana'a. These attacks were both carried out using clothing, equipment, vehicles and weapons used by the Yemeni Special Forces.

Sha'i states that Al-Qaeda has close ties with the leaders of many tribes in Yemen, and that it has progressed from being merely a guest amongst the tribes, to being a part of them. To a great extent, the organization has succeeded in instilling its ideological messages within the tribesmen and recruiting some of them to its ranks. For example, Al-Qaeda's succeeded in recruiting a tribal entity linked to Saudi Prince Muhammad bin Naif, which was connected to the attempted assassination of the Saudi Deputy Minister of Interior in August 2009.

Sha'i adds that the organization has learned from the mistakes made in Iraq, Somalia and other arenas with regards to the recruitment of activists. Primarily, the organization ensures that it does not come into conflict with local Yemeni society. Thus, many locals do not view the organization as having blood on its hands. The organization is also active in the field of propaganda, and exploits the relatively free media to transmit its message to the Yemeni public. In addition, the organization always mentions three main issues regarding the recruitment of activists: the local-ideological aspect, that is the Hadith of the Prophet who said that the best army shall come from the Abyan region and shall count 12 thousand fighters; the regional-ideological aspect, that is the prophetic decree "Bring out the heretics form the Arabian Peninsula"; the universal-ideological

aspect, that is a call to support the oppressed Muslims all over the world, most of all in Palestine.²⁴

In another statement, Sha'i explains that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula has three goals: the local goal – establish an Islamic Emirate and implement the Sharia; the regional goal – to expel the heretics from the Arabian Peninsula; and the global goal – after the establishment of emirates in Yemen, Iraq, Somalia, Afghanistan, Pakistan and other regions, “an overall Islamic system” will be established, that is a system of Islamic Caliphates according to the model of the prophecy.²⁵

Yemen's Role Based on the Ideology of Abu Musab Al-Suri

The importance attributed to Yemen has been rooted in Al-Qaeda's ideology for over ten years. Even though some link it to Osama bin Laden's Yemeni origins, the Salafi-Jihadi movement has a geopolitical ideology directly pertaining to Yemen. This is perhaps best embodied in the figurehead of Omar Abd Al-Hakim, also called “Abu Musab Al-Suri”, who is considered to be one of the most important ideologists of this faction, and is thought to be currently detained in Pakistan.

This significance was already seen in 1999 when Al-Suri wrote a 31-page essay titled “The responsibility of the people of Yemen towards their sanctities and resources”. The essay stated that the demographic makeup of Yemen, as well as the Yemeni stubbornness and poverty, alongside the topographical component

²⁴http://islamyoon.islamonline.net/servlet/Satellite?c=ArticleA_C&cid=1265700441527&pageName=Islamyoun/IYALayout

²⁵<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11416&article=559187&feature>

27 <http://www.alghad.com/?news=13E060>

Yemen as a Departure Base for Jihad Theatres and an Epicenter for the Recruitment of Fighters

As stated above, Al-Qaeda – both ideologically and strategically – views Yemen as a departure point for fighters to other Jihad theatres, as well as a base for the recruitment of fighters. Following are several examples illustrating this aspect:



1. In May 2009, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Abu Basir Al-Wahishi, published an audio tape titled "To our residents in the south (of Yemen)", expressing his support of the people in the south opposing the central government in Sana'a, and calling on them to implement Islamic Sharia law.²⁸ Following these statements, there were reports claiming that Al-Qaeda had succeeded in **recruiting people from the south of Yemen** to its ranks.²⁹ With regards to this it should be noted that in November 2009 Al-Qaeda called to exploit the difference between the people in the south of Yemen and those in the north and to recruit people from the south to the idea of Jihad and the struggle against the Yemeni President's rule, and to establish an Islamic Hadramaut country.³⁰ It should be noted that from the unification

²⁸ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=62279>

²⁹ <http://marebpress.net/articles.php?id=5804>

³⁰ <http://al-flojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=60340>

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of Yemen in 1991 up until today, it has been claimed that the southern residents are discriminated against by the north and the government, despite the fact that the natural resources and tourist attractions are located in the south.

2. A report on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum in January 2010, which was based on an article in the "Al-Quds Al-Arabi" Arabic newspaper published in London, noted that the recent attacks against Al-Qaeda have not only fortified its position, but also created **popular support of its activists amongst the tribes people**, especially in the region of southern Yemen.³¹
3. In February 2010, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institute, "Al-Malahem", released a 12 minute audio tape by the no. 2 man in the organization, Said Al-Shihri. In the tape he called for attacks on western targets and preparation for an upcoming war against the organization in Yemen, which would be prosecuted with indirect American participation. Al-Shihri hinted on the tape that the organization aspires to takeover the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, which separates Asia (Yemen) and Africa (Djibouti, north of Somalia in the Africa Horn) and connects the Red Sea with Aden Bay in the Indian Ocean. According to him, such a move will "tighten the chokehold on the Jews". In order to achieve this goal, **he calls on the armed men in Yemen to utilize the fighters from Somalia. Furthermore, Al-Shihri calls on the Yemeni tribes to join the Jihad**, including the Shiite Houthi rebels who disagree ideologically with Al-Qaeda, but are fighting a common enemy – the government of Yemen.³²
4. On November 24th 2009, a Yemeni source claimed in the Egyptian "Al-Shorouk" newspaper, that there was **a surge of many activists from Al-**

³¹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=153736>

³² <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38653>

Qaeda in Iraq going to Yemen to fight against the Yemeni government, alongside the Houthis. The Saudi Minister of Interior, Prince Naif bin Abd Al-Aziz, did not rule out the possibility that collaboration exists between Al-Qaeda and the Houthis in Yemen. The commentator Muhammad Mujahid Al-Ziyyat, who was interviewed for the article, said that there isn't an ideological connection between Al-Qaeda and the Houthis, but there is, according to him, a similarity in the goals of both parties under current circumstances.³³ However, other sources indicate that one cannot determine for certain who the Al-Qaeda activists are fighting alongside. Some claim that the organization's activists are indeed fighting with the Houthis, while others believe that the Yemeni authorities have succeeded in convincing some of the activists to fight on their side by exploiting ethnic and ideological differences between the Sunni Al-Qaeda organization and the Shiite Houthis. Official sources in Sa'dah Province – the center of the fighting – report that due to the shortage in manpower, the Al-Houthi group is recruiting many Somali refugees as well as Al-Qaeda activists and Yemeni citizens deported from Saudi Arabia.³⁴

5. In a statement to the BBC, a spokesperson for the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" in Somalia confirmed that his movement is **mutually trading fighters** with armed movements in Yemen.³⁵ The no. 2 man in the Somali "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement, Sheikh Mukhtar Rogo Abu Mansour, declared that the organization will send fighters to Yemen, via sea, to help the fighting against "the enemies of Allah".³⁶

³³ <http://www.shorouknews.com/ContentData.aspx?id=156980>

³⁴ <http://www.samanews.com/index.php?act=Show?id=55092>

³⁵ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=153140>

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<http://www.aausat.com/details.asp?section=4&issue=11358&article=550999&feature=>

6. Yemen **has exported fighters to Somalia** as well as instructors such as Abu Bassam Al-Tabuki from the Bihan region in the Shabwa Province, who was one of the 23 people who escaped from prison with the Al-Qaeda leaders in February 2006, and was later killed in a camp in Somalia at the end of 2007.³⁷ In April 2007 the Arab media reported that at least 12 senior Al-Qaeda members went from Yemen to Somalia. The Somali Minister of Finance, Abd Al-Rahman Omar Uthman, said that military commanders from the organization landed in airplanes in the south of Somalia in areas ruled by the "Al-Shabab Al-Mujahideen" movement. Several of these senior members even came to the capital, Mogadishu. According to reports, the organization members brought money from Yemen for the "Al-Shabab" movement, which has encountered difficulties in recruiting activists for that reason. Furthermore, the senior Al-Qaeda members in Yemen are interested in transferring military knowledge to the Somali rebels.³⁸

Al-Qaeda in Yemen's Financial Infrastructure

The importance of raising and obtaining finance for Al-Qaeda and other global Jihad groups is integrated into the organizational structure. In Al-Qaeda and the Jihad arenas there is a committee whose objective is raising funds for Jihad activity. This committee works alongside the organization's leader or local Amir and the Shura Council. For example, Hassan Hussein bin Alwan's responsibility for financing Al-Qaeda's activity in Saudi Arabia and Yemen; in the Al-Qaeda Organization in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) there is a financial committee with

³⁷ <http://www.aljazeera.net/NR/exeres/4D7201CC-974F-4541-A1BE-833DD0D8BD96.htm>

³⁸

<http://www.sawcat.com/details.asp?section=4&issue=11454&article=564337&feature=>

various departments, such as accounting, treasury and more;³⁹ in Afghanistan, Mustafa Abu Al-Yazid apparently headed the financial committee. Where there is an attempt at establishing a country infrastructure by Al-Qaeda, there is even a "Minister of Finance". The "Islamic State of Iraq" (ISI), Al-Qaeda's umbrella organization containing several Iraqi terrorist groups, announced its new government in September 2009, with Yunus Al-Hamdani as the Minister of Finance.⁴⁰

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's funding appears to come from multiple sources, and the primary source of funding appears to be private donations. These donations mainly come from Saudi Arabia and from wealthy individuals sympathetic to Al-Qaeda's cause, and are then funneled to Jihad-related activities.⁴¹ Others donate unknowingly by making charitable contributions to AQAP under the "guise of building mosques and orphanages in Yemen."⁴² AQAP claims that they "receive money from... governments through Mujahideen," in reference to funding by Iran via its Revolutionary Guards.⁴³ Moreover, the Ba'athists in Iraq may also be funneling funds to Al-Qaeda in Yemen.⁴⁴

In June 2009, one of the surfers at the "Al-Faloja" online forum asked whether the claims made by the Yemeni government regarding the arrest of Hassan Hussein bin Alwan, financier of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, were true.⁴⁵ According to reports in the media, Alwan, who is of Saudi origin, was captured by

³⁹ <http://www.islamismscope.com/index.php?art/id:351>

⁴⁰ <http://majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=30532>

⁴¹ Wassef, Khaled. "Al-Qaeda's Feverish Hunt for Cash", 14 October 2009. World Watch: <http://www.cbsnews.com/blogs/2009/10/14/world/worldwatch/entry5383427.shtml>

⁴² Ibid.

⁴³ "Al-Qaeda in Yemen run by capable states, former operative claims." 28 March 2009. SABA Yemen News Agency: <http://www.sabanews.net/en/news179502.htm>

⁴⁴ Al-Ily, Naseer. "Baathists to Relocate Al-Qaeda Elements from Yemen to Iraq - Iraqi Aid." 03 January 2010. Al-Sharq Al-Awsat: <http://www.aawsat.com/english/news.asp?section=1&id=19386>

⁴⁵ <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=67024>

the Yemeni security forces at the beginning of June 2009.⁴⁶ However, in mid-June, the "Al-Sharq Al-Awsat" newspaper reported, quoting the Saudi Minister of Interior, that there was no confirmation of Alwan's arrest. The article said that Alwan was responsible for funding Al-Qaeda's terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia and Yemen.⁴⁷

At the end of September 2009, the media uncovered a clip saved on the SIM card of a mobile phone in which Said Al-Shihri,⁴⁸ Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's deputy commander, is seen requesting financial aid for his activists in Yemen. Next to him is another man – a Yemeni by the name of Muhammad Abd Al-Karim Al-Ghazali who is wanted by the authorities. In the recording, made in a car, Al-Shihri calls for donations to the organization and "empowers" the man next to him to carry out the task. He is aided by verses from the Quran and in Hadiths strengthening his call. Some believe Al-Ghazali facilitated the entry of Abdullah Al-Asiri, who attempted to assassinate the assistant to the Saudi Minister of Interior at the end of August 2009.⁴⁹



**Al-Shihri and on his right Al-Ghazali
in the intercepted recording**

⁴⁶ http://www.news-yemen.net/view_news.asp?sub_no=1_2009_06_15_29150

⁴⁷ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=523447&issueno=11157>

⁴⁸ For more information on the man, see:

http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Al-Shehri_prisoner_Guantanamo.pdf

⁴⁹ <http://www.al-jazeera.net/articles/2009/09/27/96262.html>

This is not the first time the organization has operated in this way and used trusted intermediaries to raise funds from unwitting people under the guise of welfare activities. Almost two years ago, the Saudi Ministry of Interior exposed the existence of an audio tape on a mobile phone SIM card, in which Ayman Al-Zawahiri entrusts others with the task of collecting funds inside Saudi Arabia during the Hajj in 2007 for the needy in Afghanistan and Pakistan.⁵⁰ This method, known as the "Circle Method", contains three circles. The first circle is the "letter of appointment", i.e. the stage in which the task is appointed. The second circle is the one actually carrying out the task, and the third circle is the groups cooperating with Al-Qaeda, collecting funds on its behalf under the guise of welfare assistance. This collection exploits the religious holidays, especially Ramadan, in order to obtain the maximum amount of funds.⁵¹ It could be said that this recording may testify to the dwindling of the organization's financial sources and the difficulties it faces in raising funds.⁵²

In 2006, the Al-Qaeda organization's Deputy Leader in Yemen, Muhammad Hamdi Al-Ahdal (aka "Abu Assem"), admitted that he had collected 1,061,000 Saudi Riyals from Saudi Arabian businessmen, over a period of four years, in order to support the Al-Qaeda organization in Yemen. Al-Ahdal admitted this in court, and added that he had transferred a sum of 20,000 Riyals to Abu Ali Al-Harethi, the organization's leader who was killed in Yemen in November 2002. He also transferred an additional 50,000 Riyals to Al-Harethi via a Saudi Arabian of Palestinian origin, known as Abd Al-Aziz.

⁵⁰ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=1&issueno=10689&article=461262&feature=>

<http://www.alriyadh.com/2009/09/28/article462546.html>

⁵¹ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=537819&issueno=11262>

⁵² For more details, see:

[http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Al-](http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Al-Qaeda_Financial_Support_Memo.pdf)

Al-Ahdal also revealed that he went to Afghanistan, where he received a wide range of military training. He then went to fight in Bosnia-Herzegovina via the Saudi Arabian Al-Birr charitable association, fighting in the war there. He was imprisoned in Jeddah and later deported to Yemen. In addition, Al-Ahdal collected donations in Yemen for the Chechen fighters, and transferred a sum of 30,000 Saudi Arabian Riyals to another individual accused of terrorist involvement. This money was ostensibly for Da'awa activities in the Mareb region in Yemen, and 5,000 Riyals for the building of a safe house.

It also became clear from Al-Ahdal's confession, that Abu Ali Al-Harethi received financial support from Bin Laden to purchase arms and ammunition. Al-Ahdal informed the court about additional Saudis who had transferred funds to Al-Qaeda in Yemen. Abu Assem Al-Ahdal is also accused of transferring funds to the families of Yemenis who were killed in Afghanistan, Chechnya and Bosnia-Herzegovina, as well as to the families of Yemeni prisoners held in Guantanamo.⁵³

At the trial of Muhammad Hamdi Al-Ahdal, accusations were made that the leader of Al-Qaeda in Yemen, Abu Ali Al-Harethi, collected funds to finance terror attacks in Yemen, the most prominent of which were the attack on the French tanker "Limburg" in October 2002; the attack on a helicopter belonging to the American Oil Company, which was flying from Sana'a to the oil fields in Mareb; and attacks on the U.S. and British embassies in Sana'a.

Muhammad Hamdi Al-Ahdal is accused of transferring \$50,000 to the leader of Al-Qaeda in Yemen, who was later killed in an American attack in Yemen. He also

⁵³ <http://www.al-jazeera.net/news/2006/10/20061020.htm>

transferred \$30,000 to the men who are suspected of perpetrating the attack on the oil tanker "Limburg" – Qassem Al-Rimi⁵⁴ and Ibrahim Huyaidi.⁵⁵

It should be noted that the U.N. wrote the following regarding Al-Ahdal:

"Responsible for the finances of Al-Qaeda in Yemen. Accused of involvement in the attack on the USS Cole in 2000. Arrested in Yemen in November 2003. Sentenced to three years and one month of imprisonment by the specialized criminal court of first instance in Yemen. Released on 25 December 2006 after the completion of his sentence."⁵⁶

A source within the Egyptian legal system stated that the internal security prosecutor accused the Islamic attorney and former activist of the Islamic Jihad, Mamdouh Isma'il, of financing the Al-Qaeda organization in Egypt, Yemen and Algeria. This was in accordance with instructions which he received from the No. 2 leader of Al-Qaeda, Ayman Al-Zawahiri.⁵⁷

In November 2007 it was reported that over the previous ten months, the Saudi Arabian security forces arrested 55 people (Saudis and others), on suspicion of fundraising and providing financial and logistical support to the Al-Qaeda organization. Informed sources stated that very large sums are involved and added that most of the financing of terror emanates from the Gulf States.⁵⁸ A large part of this financing was transferred directly to the organization, or was transferred to it from monies intended for charitable purposes. Some of the money earmarked for charity was used for terror attacks.

⁵⁴ At present he serves as the military chief of AQAP.

⁵⁵ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&article=380995&issueno=10141>

⁵⁶ <http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1267/pdf/consolidatedlist.pdf>, p. 58.

⁵⁷ <http://www.almotamar.net/news/42427.htm>

⁵⁸ <http://www.flash.com/FlashWeb/Religion/2007/11/281280.htm>

Following the intensive efforts made in the campaign against the financing of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, alternative methods began to be used. These can be divided into two types: traditional and non-traditional ways.

Traditional ways:

- For many years Al-Qaeda relied on donations from people who identified with their ideology, and transferred money to the organization via Islamic associations worldwide. Despite the global war against terrorism, it is believed that there are still associations who transfer money to the organization in this manner.
- Via charitable associations
- Donations, Zakat. This refers to money donated by individuals, for example during Ramadan. This system still constitutes an important part of Al-Qaeda's financing.
- Armaments trade. Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula is extremely active in smuggling arms and selling them for money. Iraq and Yemen are fundamental sources of the arms trade.

Non-traditional sources:

- Money received from selling stocks, and indeed money which came from stocks was transferred to Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.
- External support and support from foreign intelligence entities. Al-Qaeda receives financial and logistical assistance from the Iranian intelligence services, despite their ideological differences.⁵⁹

Following the painful blows which Al-Qaeda received from the Saudi Arabian security forces, the deputy leader of the organization in Yemen, Said Al-Shihri,

⁵⁹ <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/uknews/article.php?id=10177>

released a video tape. In the tape, which was broadcasted on Al-Arabiya, Al-Shihri explained the importance attributed to money by Al-Qaeda, as it is considered to be the main artery of the organization's operations. After the success of the Saudi Arabian authorities, the organization's financial sources dried up considerably. In addition, funds received from charitable sources were restricted, and supervision of the banks' financial channels and their sources put an end to the suspicious checks.

According to the article, Al-Qaeda in Yemen is supported by external intelligence networks as a way of pressuring the Arab governments, to threaten them with security anarchy, and to carry out regional and international plans which do not stop at the Yemeni borders.

This was confirmed by Muhammad Al-Awfi, one of the Al-Qaeda activists deported by Yemen to Saudi Arabia. He told them about his ties to the Iranian intelligence services and the Houthis, who offered him money and arms despite the great differences in their ideologies.⁶⁰

To enable Al-Qaeda to continue its operations unhindered, the organization finds alternatives to direct financing via a number of "infidel" countries. Technological support including, the supply of arms, explosives' training and training for terrorist operations, have helped the organization more than the financial support. The decline in the cost of carrying out attacks has assisted Al-Qaeda in continuing its activities using its own finances, with other financial sources being used for training camps and hiding places abroad.

Senior counterterrorism officials in London have stated that the Al-Qaeda cells in Great Britain have learned to plan their operations and live simply. They have

⁶⁰ <http://www.middle-east-monitoring.com/content/4406.html>

improved the production of their bombs at low cost, which is a field in which Al-Qaeda in Yemen has also trained. The Yemeni terrorists used cheap, locally manufactured explosives to attack Prince Muhammad bin Naif, the Saudi Arabia Deputy Interior Minister. This shows that financing, or lack thereof, has not hindered the perpetration of attacks.⁶¹

Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institution published a tape in which Yusuf Al-Shihri and Raed Al-Harbi, later killed by the Saudi Arabian security forces, stated that all men of means must finance Al-Qaeda, describing these funds as the "artery of life".⁶²

Applying the Ideology in the Field

General

It appears that the terror attacks in Southern Yemen are escalating. The organization has succeeded, over the past few years, in obtaining safe houses in this area and has been receiving logistical assistance, money, arms, means of communication, and has a relatively developed technical communication infrastructure. What is more important is that the organization has succeeded in recruiting new activists and is forming terror cells which have become convoluted networks. These factors point to the existence of an Al-Qaeda strategic continuity in Southern Yemen, a region where the organization's activists enjoy the support of the local tribes.⁶³

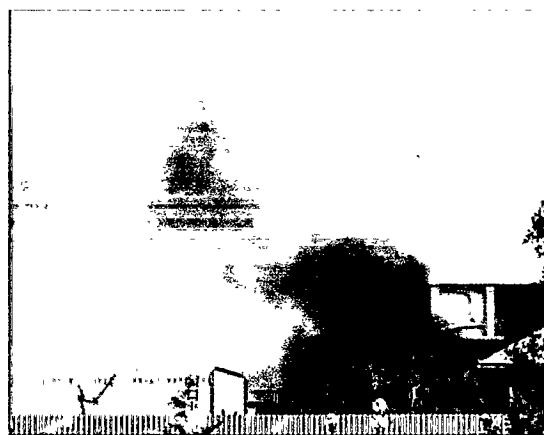
⁶¹ <http://www.al-jazirah.com.sa/2009jaz/sep/8/ec7.htm>

⁶² <http://www.aldarr.net/inf/news-action-show-id-1209.htm>

⁶³ <http://www.maktaba.com/article/2024262/>

An article which was published on 30 December 2009 in a Yemeni newspaper was posted on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum, according to which, mosques in Aden have become organized incitement centers identifying with Al-Qaeda. According to the newspaper, the preachers in the Salafi mosques in Aden incite the population against the government and against the attacks on Yemeni districts with a high concentration of terrorist activity.⁶⁴

On 19 June 2010, Al-Qaeda activists from the Arabian Peninsula perpetrated a planned attack on the Yemeni intelligence building in Aden. During the attack, the Al-Qaeda fighters succeeded in killing the guards and, according to a number of reports, they freed prisoners who were incarcerated there.⁶⁵



Smoke Rising from the Intelligence Building in Aden

The Al-Qaeda organization in the Arabian Peninsula is not only active in Southern Yemen, but has networks and terror cells all over the country. In recent months there has been a significant rise in the number of attacks perpetrated against the Yemeni regime. The Al-Qaeda leadership is pressing the organization's activists in Yemen to carry out attacks against the Yemeni establishment. The leader of the

⁶⁴ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=150383>

⁶⁵ <http://www.alarabiya.net/articles/2010/06/19/111763.html>

Al-Qaeda organization in the Arabian Peninsula, Sheikh Nasser Al-Washishi, wrote in the October 2009 edition of the "Sada Al-Malahem" magazine:⁶⁶ "You do not need a great effort or a lot of money in order to manufacture more or less ten grams of explosives... you can even find the substances in your mother's kitchen, they are obtainable in every city... convert them into a bomb which you will throw or activate by remote control or from afar or in an explosives belt, or put them into any electrical appliance such as a tape recorder, or inside a photo frame, briefcase or envelope. Detonate it against any tyrant or against any intelligence nest, leader, minister or crusader, wherever you are, also at airports in the western crusader countries, who participated in the war against the Muslims, or their aircraft, population centers, underground trains... do not be afraid of the bomb being discovered after you have hidden it well, as it cannot be detected." Hereunder is a review of a number of prominent attacks perpetrated by the Al-Qaeda organizational infrastructure in Yemen:

The Attack on the U.S. Embassy in Yemen – 17 September 2008

On September 17th 2008, the Al-Qaeda organization perpetrated an attack against the U.S. embassy in Sana'a. The attack proved that notwithstanding the campaign against the organization's activists in Yemen, it could still succeed in executing an attack against a symbol of the U.S. regime. It should be noted that the terrorists and the cars carrying explosives bombs did not succeed in crashing through the embassy's gates.⁶⁷

⁶⁶ "Sada Al-Malahem" (October 2009), pages 6-7.

⁶⁷ For an analysis of the attack see:
http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWVG_US_Embassy_Yemen.pdf



A Series of Attacks against South Korean Targets – March 2009

On March 15th 2009, a suicide bomber killed four tourists from South Korea and a Yemeni citizen. The attack was carried out at a tourist site in Shibam in the Hadramaut region of South-East Yemen. Three days later, on 18 March 2009, another suicide bomber detonated his explosives belt in Sana'a alongside a convoy of vehicles transporting South Korean investigators and the South Korean ambassador in Yemen, who had come to investigate the circumstances of the previous attack.⁶⁸

On March 27th 2009, the Jihadi forums published an announcement by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula claiming responsibility for the attack perpetrated on March 15th in Shibam. The organization's announcement only relates to this first attack and not to the one which was carried out three days later in Sana'a on March 18th 2009.⁶⁹

⁶⁸ See reviews of these two attacks :

http://ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Terrorist_Attacks_Yemen.pdf

⁶⁹ http://ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Terrorist_Attacks_Yemen.pdf



Although the organization's announcement was published on March 27th, it was scheduled for March 16th – a day after the attack in Shibam and two days before the attack in Sana'a. This could explain why there is no reference in the announcement to the second attack, although it appears that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula was also responsible for the second attack.

Hereunder is the translation of the claim of responsibility:

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful, the Organization of
Qaidat Al-Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula

Allah be praised and the prayer and the peace on those who do not have the
Prophet behind them, and to the matter:

Expel the Mushrikeen⁷⁰ from the Arabian Peninsula⁷¹

The unit of Commander Hamza Al-Qa'iti⁷² and his brothers

The heroic brother and the Shahid – Allah be willing – Abu Ubeida Al-Jarrah⁷³
carried out an Istishhad attack against a group of tourists from South Korea, in

⁷⁰ Those who associate others with Allah.

⁷¹ A saying attributed to the Prophet Muhammad.

⁷² A prominent activist in Al-Qaeda who was assassinated in Yemen in August 2008. See <http://www.alriyadh.com/2008/08/21/article368772.html>

⁷³ Apparently this is not the terrorist's real name but his alias. Abu Ubeida Al-Jarrah was one of the first to convert to Islam and a disciple of the Prophet Muhammad.

which four of them were killed and others were wounded in the Shibam region in the Hadramaut district. This was done in response to the command of Allah's messenger, may he go in prayer and peace, which states: "Expel the Mushrikeen from the Arabian Peninsula", and because South Korea plays a role in the war against Islam as an ally of the Crusader forces, which is called the war against terrorism in Afghanistan and Iraq, and in revenge for the murder of the two heroic commanders Hamza Al-Qa'iti and Abdullah Batis⁷⁴ and their brothers, and because these tourists have slaughtered the Muslims' beliefs and their values and fulfilled a dangerous role in spreading Christianity amongst the Muslims. Therefore, this attack was perpetrated. We have breached the contracts and agreements again and again of these collaborators who come to the Arabian Peninsula, but they only want to kill by coming to the Arabian Peninsula. So let them drink from the poisoned glass every day, because their blood will not protect the contracts and agreements of the government of Al-Aswad Al-'Anasi.⁷⁵

"And Allah has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not"

(Surah 12, Yusuf, verse 21 – Trans')

The Al-Qaeda organization in the Arabian Peninsula 19 Rabi' Al-Awwal 1430
(March 16th 2009)

⁷⁴ An Al-Qaeda activist who was also killed in Yemen in August 2008. See:
http://www.alsahwanet.net/view_news.asp?sub_no=1_2008_08_11_65286

⁷⁵ A derogatory term for the Yemeni government. Al-Aswad Al-'Anasi claimed at the time of the Prophet Muhammad that he too had prophetic capabilities

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

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محمد رسول الله

الحمد لله وحده والصلاة والسلام على من لا نبي بعده
وبعد :

((أخرجوا المشركين من جزيرة العرب))
سرية القائد حمزة العبيطي وإخوانه

قام الأخ البطل الشهيد _ ياذن الله _ أبو عبدة الجراح بعملية استشهادية على مجموعة من سباح كوريا الجنوبية قُتل فيها أربعة منهم وجرح آخرون في ولاية حضرموت منطقة ضام وذلك استجابة لأمر رسول الله - صلى الله عليه وسلم القتال : ((أخرجوا المشركين من جزيرة العرب)) ولما لكوريا الجنوبية من دور في الحرب على الإسلام متحالفة مع القوى الصليبية تحت مسمى الحرب على الإرهاب في أفغانستان والعراق ، وانتقاماً للقتل الفاتلين حمزة العبيطي وعبد الله باتيس وإخوانهما ، ولما هؤلاء السباح من إفساد عقائد المسلمين وأخلاقهم ودورهم الخطير في انتشار التصير بين أبناء المسلمين لهم تفليد هذه العملية .

وقد نلنا مراراً وتكراراً هؤلاء المشركين القادمين إلى جزيرة العرب عهودهم ومواثيقهم فأبوا لأنفسهم إلا القتل بدخولهم جزيرة العرب لليشربوا من كأس المنية كل يوم فلن نعصم دمايتهم عهود ومواثيق حكومة الأسود العنسي .

((والله غالب على أمره ولكن أكثر الناس لا يعلمون))

تنظيم قاعدة الجهاد في جزيرة العرب

١٩ ربيع الأول ١٤٣٠

The Yemeni site "Newsyemen" published an article by Aqil Al-Halali on March 24th 2009, in which he endeavored to explain why Al-Qaeda had attacked South Korean targets in Yemen on two occasions.⁷⁶ Al-Halali states that both attacks were perpetrated by suicide bombers, who were under 18 years of age, and occurred less than two months after the announcement of the merger between Al-Qaeda in Yemen and Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.⁷⁷ According to him, this is the first time that Al-Qaeda attacked Asian tourists. The target is somewhat surprising as at the time of the attack South Korea was not involved in the global war against terror, and had withdrawn its troops from Iraq by the end of 2008.

⁷⁶ http://www.newsyemen.net/view_news.asp?sub_no=1_2009_03_24_26804

⁷⁷ <http://www.jihadica.com/saudi-and-yemeni-branches-of-Al-Qaeda-unite/>

The article claims that there were two reasons for the attack on the South Korean targets: firstly, to warn South Korea not to cooperate with the international forces in Afghanistan; and secondly, as a response to the increasing missionary activities carried out by the South Koreans in a number of Islamic countries. The article also states that the fact that Al-Qaeda perpetrated two attacks, so close to each other in time, is not coincidental as this is the typical *modus operandi* of the organization, which usually plans simultaneous attacks.

On March 25th, the Yemeni Ministry of the Interior arrested six Al-Qaeda activists belonging to the cell responsible for the attack against the South Korean tourists. A source in the Yemeni Interior Ministry stated that the cell had been directed to carry out at least 12 attacks against oil installations, the interests of nations friendly to Yemen, and foreign tourists.⁷⁸ These arrests were made as part of the Yemeni security forces' increased activities against the Al-Qaeda activists, particularly in the south of the country. This was all against the backdrop of rumors recently appeared (also on Jihadi forums), that the United States army had attacked Al-Qaeda targets all over the country.⁷⁹

In this respect, it should be pointed out that the Yemeni Deputy Prime Minister for Defense and Security, Rashad Al-Alimi, stated on camera at the Yemeni Parliamentary Session held on March 23rd 2009, that the Yemeni security services had received information that 22 Al-Qaeda activists were meeting at a house in the Bihan area in the Shabwa region, so the security services arrested eight of them. The detainees had a "mandate" to carry out suicide attacks and eliminate

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<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11078&article=512740&feature>

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<http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11079&article=512817&feature>,
<http://www.mojahden.net/vb/showthread.php?t=19419>, <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=95057>

twenty senior Yemeni government officials, as well as attacking embassies, installations and foreign nationals in the country. Al-Alimi admitted that Al-Qaeda had infiltrated the security services and stated that the constraints placed on Al-Qaeda in countries such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and Iraq had compelled a number of activists to return to their countries of origin, including Yemen.⁸⁰

Concurrently with these reports, the debate surrounding the latest attacks in Yemen continued on the Jihadi forums, particularly with regards to the legitimacy of harming civilians. One of the surfers on the "Al-Faloja" forum justified the killing of the South Koreans and other tourists, basing his argument on the Quran, the Hadiths and Muslim commentators. He explained that it is permitted to kill them because they are like heretics. He regrets that the religious clerics from other Muslim states condemned the actions of the Mujahideen – they should be denounced and excommunicated from the Muslim religion. He explains that South Korea participated in the war on terror and also took part in the allies' operations in Iraq. He quotes, as evidence, the sanction given by the Prophet Muhammad to kill an important sheikh, even if he had only helped the enemy by giving advice against the Muslims. The surfer says that even if South Korea had not participated in the war, it is considered an ally of the United States, it is almost another U.S. state, and therefore whatever applies to the U.S. also applies to them. South Korea was a partner in killing Muslims, and even Sheikh Ibn Uthaimeen,⁸¹ ruled that they must be treated with an eye for an eye and their "wives and children" must be killed. The surfer then calls upon the citizens of Yemen, the Maghreb, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Arabian Peninsula, not to be led astray by the regime's religious clerics and to walk in the path of the Prophet.

⁸⁰ <http://www.aawsat.com/details.asp?section=4&issueno=11075&article=512316&feature>

⁸¹ One of the prominent Islamic religious clerics of the 20th century.

He also calls upon them to topple the clerics from their positions as they are tools of the occupiers and are an obstacle to the return of the Islamic Caliphate.⁸²

It should be noted that other voices could also be heard, although they were a minority. One of the surfers on the "Hanein" forum stated that the last Al-Qaeda attack against the South Korean tourists constituted "a mark of disgrace on the foreheads of the Al-Qaeda soldiers". He wondered "where the honor was in killing civilians?" and called for a condemnation of the attack and an admission that it was a mistake. On the other hand, others claimed that the Muslims' lands, particularly in the Arabian Peninsula, are not intended to be used for tourism and stressed that "South Korea is a strategic United States ally and is an integral component of the crusader army and its soldiers, who are fighting in Iraq against our Muslim brothers."⁸³

The Attempted Attack against the Saudi Arabian Assistant Minister of Interior – August 28th 2009

The new leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula includes Saudi Arabian individuals such as the No. 2 of the organization Said Ali Al-Shihri, and field commander of the organization, Muhammad Al-Awfi, who surrendered in March 2009. In January 2009, Al-Awfi threatened to send a suicide bomber to kill the Saudi Arabian Minister of Interior, Prince Naif.⁸⁴ At the end of August 2009, a 24 year old Saudi Arabian suicide bomber named Abdullah Hassan Al-Asiri, was sent by the leadership of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to kill the son of the Minister of Interior, who was responsible for the fighting against Al-Qaeda in the Saudi Kingdom.

⁸² <http://al-faloja.info/vb/showthread.php?t=53233>

⁸³ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=95796>

⁸⁴ <http://marhaba.net/articles.php?id=5804>

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**Abdullah Al-Asiri****Muhammad bin Naif**

A video tape published by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula shows that the suicide bomber flew to Jeddah, with explosives attached to his body. After being ostensibly convinced over the phone by the assistant of the Minister of Interior, Prince Muhammad bin Naif, he gave himself up⁸⁵ - a modus operandi similar to that used by the Al-Qaeda activists in the murder of two senior Yemeni security officials in 2007 and 2008.⁸⁶

This is the first time that a prince of the Saudi royal family had been the target in a successful attack. Although the explosion did not kill him, Al-Qaeda considered the attempt to be a resounding success, owing to its penetration into the heart of the Saudi Arabian royal family and the fact that the bomber had carried the explosives on his body for a considerable distance without being detected.

Using this attack as an example, Al-Qaeda tried to shift the Yemeni scenario into Saudi Arabia. This would increase Al-Qaeda's maneuverability and enable it to penetrate Iraq more easily, as well as the Al-Sham region, i.e. Syria, Lebanon, Jordan and the Palestinian territories - areas where the organization is already active. It should be noted, that this strategy is described in the new leadership's

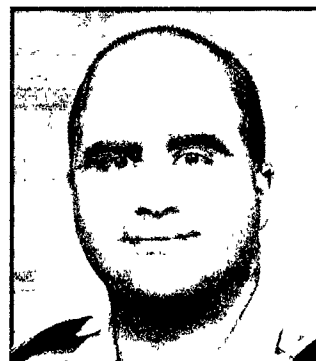
⁸⁵ The video was even translated into English:
http://www.iarchive.info/english/details.php?item_id=5879

⁸⁶ <http://www.marchar.org.net/articles.php?id=5904>

first publication, in February 2009, under the heading "From Here We Begin and at Al-Aqsa We Meet".⁸⁷

The Attack at Fort Hood, Texas – 5th November 2009

At the beginning of November 2009 Major Nidal Hassan, an officer in the U.S. army, carried out an attack at an army base in Texas in which he opened fire on American soldiers, killing 13. Following the attack, a connection was found between the shooter and an American preacher of Yemeni origin, Anwar Al-Awlaqi, who is



presently in hiding in Yemen. Jihadi forums raised the question of whether Nidal Hassan was tied directly to Al-Qaeda. One of the surfers in the "Al-Faloja" forum wondered whether it was a mishap, or "whether it had been planned in the hills of Yemen under the supervision of Amir Abu Basir, the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula". The surfer makes use of the article which was published on 5th December 2009 by a writer named Bakhasrov Adankalo, who recently started writing articles about the Yemeni Jihad. Adankalo is apparently one of Al-Qaeda's men in Yemen, and responds for the first time to President Obama's new strategy regarding Afghanistan, and warns against the ramifications for Yemen, "as the CIA is digging a grave for Americans in Yemen".

He quotes from the article: "What will America's position be, as Allah as already brought success to Al-Qaeda and has facilitated the organization's entrance into the U.S., during their war with all the Muslims, even inside the very heart and the most protected site, the army base Fort Hood?" He continues: "With regard to Yemen... the fighters will go from there to every place where there is a war

⁸⁷ <http://marebpress.net/articles.php?id=5804>

against the Muslims". He therefore presumes that "the first sign of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula – Fort Hood is the beginning and not the end!!"⁸⁸

The Attempt to Blow up the American Passenger Aircraft – December 25th 2009

The Al-Qaeda organization in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement on 28th December 2009 officially taking responsibility for the attempt to blow up the American passenger aircraft on December 25th 2009 while it was en route from the Netherlands to the U.S. The organization's announcement stated that the attempted attack was perpetrated because of the "American aggression against Yemen". The attack was also a response to the attacks which Yemen carried out on December 17th and 24th – in coordination and with the assistance of the U.S. and Saudi Arabia – against the Al-Qaeda organization in the Shabwa and Abyan regions.⁸⁹ According to the announcement, the terrorist Omar Al-Farouk Abdul Mutallab was in direct contact with the Mujahideen in the Arabian Peninsula. The organization's production unit developed the sophisticated bomb and even carried out experiments, but the bomb did not explode due to a technical mishap. However, the organization has promised to continue until it achieves its goal. The organization also calls upon all Muslims to try and get rid of the heretics in the Arabian Peninsula, by killing every "crusader" who works in embassies and other places. In addition, the organization calls upon every soldier in the "crusaders' armies" to imitate Major Nidal Hassan, who was responsible for the November 2009 attack at the Fort Hood base in Texas.⁹⁰

⁸⁸ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=94810>

⁸⁹ It should be noted that the terrorist purchased his ticket on 16.12.09 i.e. before the attacks carried out in Yemen and it is obvious that the logistics of such an attack were planned for many weeks or even months: <http://www.examiner.com/x-12585-Minneapolis-AirlinesAirport-Examiner~y2009m12d28-NWA-BOMBING-UPDATE-US-official-admits-Our-system-did-not-work>

⁹⁰ <http://www.shamikh.net/vb/showthread.php?p=220702>



From a series of articles which were published in "Sada Al-Malahem" edition No. 12 of January-February 2010 following the attempted attack, the following information was elicited:⁹¹

- The explosive which was used by the Nigerian Omar Al-Farouk Abdul Mutallab, is one of scores of different bombs which are unlike that have been manufactured over the past four years.
- In an article entitled "Secrets of the Advanced Bomb", the military committee of the organization revealed that the bomb was assembled from PETN material and that the detonator weighed 4 grams, despite the fact that only 1 gram would have been sufficient. The reason that the bomb did not explode entirely is secret and will not be revealed.
- The Amsterdam airport was chosen due to "its hateful role and continuous insults to the Koran and to Islam."

⁹¹ "Sada Al-Malahem" edition 12, January-February 2010

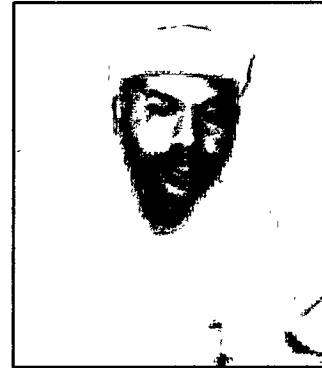
- The plan was that the aircraft would be detonated above any American city, so that it would be destroyed whilst still in the air and therefore cause the deaths of as many Americans as possible. The justification for this is that American aircraft are bombing inhabited houses and killing innocent people in Palestine, Iraq and Afghanistan.
- The magazine states that Nidal Hassan's actions are those of personal Jihad, but that the attack was executed with guidance, instruction and coordination. Whereas the actions of Al-Farouk were carried out with the full planning of the organization after he was recruited specifically for the mission. The organization states that this type of personal action is very difficult to detect and very easy to execute. These attacks are suited to the present period due to the enhancement of security measures.
- The organization rejected the proposal of negotiation made by the Yemeni president, and stressed that the path of Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula opposes both negotiations and ceasefires. The organization stresses: "We have passed the stage of defensive fighting and halting the aggression and have moved to the stage of initiative and attack. The organization also threatens: There are very large attacks headed for the West, particularly the United States!"

The Deputy Prime Minister of Yemen, Dr. Rashad Al-Alimi, told reporters in January 2010 that Omar Al-Farouk Abdul Mutallab was recruited in Great Britain and not in Yemen.⁹² It was reported recently in the British press that Muslim students studying at British educational institutions have been recruited into the "Al-Shabab Al Mujahadeen" movement in Somalia, which is linked to Al-Qaeda.⁹³

⁹² <http://www.daralhayat.com/portalararticlendam/97170>

⁹³ <http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tel/news/uk/article6000000.asp>

In January 2010 the London-based "Al-Hayat" newspaper published an interview with Nasser Al-Bahri (aka Abu Jandal), who was the personal bodyguard of Osama bin Laden, former leader of Al-Qaeda in Yemen, and also personally knew the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Al-Wahishi.⁹⁴ Al-Bahri stated that the attack on the Deputy Saudi Arabia Interior Minister (at the end of August 2009), the attempt to blow up the U.S. passenger aircraft (in December 2009), and the attack carried out by the Jordanian Abu Dujana Al-Khorasani (also in December 2009), demonstrated a step up with regards to the organization's ability to conceal explosives and successfully deal with the security capabilities of intelligence services and the West. He stated that the latest attacks perpetrated by Al-Qaeda prove that the organization has returned to its former strategy, i.e. attacking purely American targets.⁹⁵



Al-Qaeda's Position Regarding the Conflict between the Houthis and the Yemen Government

The Sa'dah Province in northern Yemen constitutes the Houthis' powerbase. The Sunni force – which includes Al-Qaeda and the Sunni movement in the south – is located in Sunni regions and villages not under the state's rule. This means regions such as: Abyan and Al-Dhale in the south and Hadramaut, Shabwa, Mareb and Al-Jawf up to the Sunni regions in Sa'dah in the north. The Sunni influence is also apparent in the central cities Sana'a, Aden, Ta'izz and Al-Hudaydah.⁹⁶

⁹⁴ <http://www.alghadyem.net/index.php?action=showDetails&id=3817>

⁹⁵ <http://www.daralhayat.com/portalarticlendam/97170>

⁹⁶ <http://al-fleiswah.com/uk/showthread.php?p=21800>

At the beginning of November 2009 unusual correspondence was posted on the "Hanein" Jihadi forum. One of the surfers wondered why Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula wages a war against the Saudi authorities and the Yemen state. He explains that if the governments in Saudi Arabia and Yemen were to fall, Iran will conquer the entire Gulf. He states that fighting the Yemen government provides a service to the Houthis, who are of Shiite origin. Finally he calls on Al-Qaeda to manage a campaign against the Houthis and the Iranians, instead of against the Saudis and the Yemenis.⁹⁷ It should be noted that this correspondence was removed from the forum, apparently as the position it presents is against the activities of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula.

The Jihadi forums discussed the dilemma of how Al-Qaeda should proceed in the conflict between the Shiite Al-Houthi group and the government of Yemen, on the grounds that both parties are enemies of the organization. From the various correspondences it seems that Al-Qaeda activists must take a neutral stance and try and exploit the current situation to their favor, without supporting any one side.⁹⁸ Sheikh Abu Muhammad Al-Maqdisi, considered to be one of the organization's most important ideologues today, addressed the issue and answered: "The Sunna people have no part in the war between the Houthis and the Yemen government... However, the Sunna people must benefit from these circumstances... and hoist the flag of Tawhid and not the flag of heresy and Shia".⁹⁹ In October 2009, the "Al-Malahem" media institute published an audio tape from one of the organization's commanders, Muhammad bin Abd Al-Rahman Al-Rashid, regarding this matter. Although no official announcement was made,

⁹⁷ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=140387>

⁹⁸ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=140798>

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http://www.tawhed.ws/FAQ/display_question?qid=285&text=اليمن&page=1&in=all&submit

Al-Rashid has been killed.¹⁰⁰ In the tape, titled "I am a trustworthy adviser for you" taken from the Quran (Surah Al-A'raf, verse 68), Al-Rashid stressed that the first and foremost enemies of the Islamic nation are the Americans and NATO, as they attacked the Muslims in Afghanistan and Iraq and helped the Jews to conquer Palestine. However, his main message is against the Shiites. Al-Rashid stated that the danger they pose to Islam and the Muslims is greater than the danger posed by the Jews and the Christians. He described the actions taken by the Shiites against the Sunni in Iraq, Lebanon, Syria and Yemen, to which he briefly referred to:

"Can't you see and hear the Houthis' aspiration in Yemen and their progress towards the Sunni in Sa'dah and their takeover of some of their regions there by force, as well as their intensive activity in Kuwait, Bahrain and Al-Qatif [a city in the north-east of Saudi Arabia residing on the coast of the Persian Gulf and constituting the greatest Shiite Islamic center in Saudi Arabia] and their efforts to obtain their demands with the aid of Persian Iran."¹⁰¹

At the end of the message, Al-Rashid calls on the Muslims to fight the Shiites, kill them and decapitate them.

It should be noted that other than this reference, almost no other official reference about Yemen by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula can be found. Furthermore, from amongst the Al-Qaeda's general leadership only Abu Yahya Al-Libi mentions Yemen and that was relatively late – February 2010.¹⁰² It should be noted that others that have made statements during the fighting, such as Ayman

¹⁰⁰ In issue no. 13 (April–May 2010) of the "Sada Al-Malahem" magazine, an article was published by Muhammad Al-Rashid, and alongside his name was written "Allah have mercy on him", an expression which is used in relation to someone who has died.

¹⁰¹ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=32678>

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http://www.ict.org.il/Portals/0/Internet%20Monitoring%20Group/JWMG_Periodical_Review_Feb_2010_No_2.pdf page 4

Al-Zawahiri, refrained from taking a stance regarding the events in Yemen. In actuality it seems that the organization chose a tactic of "sitting on the fence".

Fighting Terrorism against Al-Qaeda Strongholds in Yemen

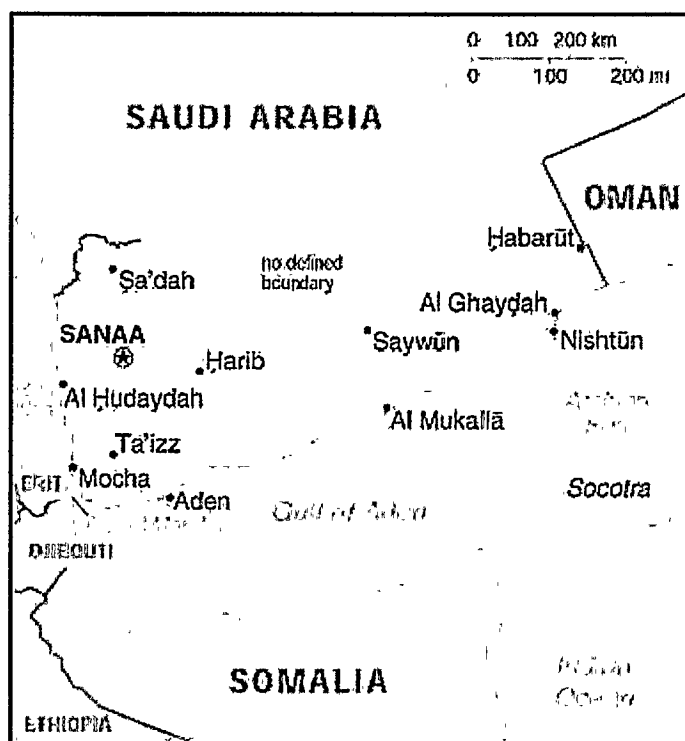
Whilst fighting the Houthi Shiite rebels in northern Yemen, the Yemeni security forces, in collaboration with the United States and Saudi Arabia, launched a series of military campaigns against the Al-Qaeda leadership and its activists in Yemen. This followed the increase in terrorist activity in Yemen on the part of Al-Qaeda activists.

One of the supervisors of the "Shabakat Al-Mujahideen Al-Electroniya" Jihadi forum, called "Mared Al-Islam", published reports from the Arab media stating that Saudi Arabia was planning to build a fence along its border with Yemen, to prevent the ongoing infiltration of Al-Qaeda activists into the kingdom. According to media publications in Saudi Arabia, the cost of constructing the fence would reach billions of dollars, including the placing of night-vision cameras, heat sensors and aerial and marine surveillance along the border. Analysts believe that the construction of the fence will take a few years and will require advanced technology to supervise the remote passages.¹⁰³ It is important to note that the border between Saudi Arabia and Yemen is about 1,500 km, and that the focus of the fighting with the Houthis was in Sa'dah Province in the north-west of Yemen, as is indicated on the map:

¹⁰³ <http://maishdon.com/uk/showthread.php?t=22070>

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From various reports it seems that Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula views this fighting as an opportunity to gain positions on the border, which will constitute departure bases for Jihad in countries in the area, and against Western targets in the Gulf, especially as the fighting is taking place near the Midi Port.¹⁰⁴ Over the course of November 2009 it was reported that the Saudi Navy placed a siege on Midi Port so as to stop the supply of weapons and ammunition to the Houthis. According to reports, the Houthi rebels are using the port to smuggle weapons from Eritrea¹⁰⁵ and to control it so that it serves as an exit to the sea.¹⁰⁶

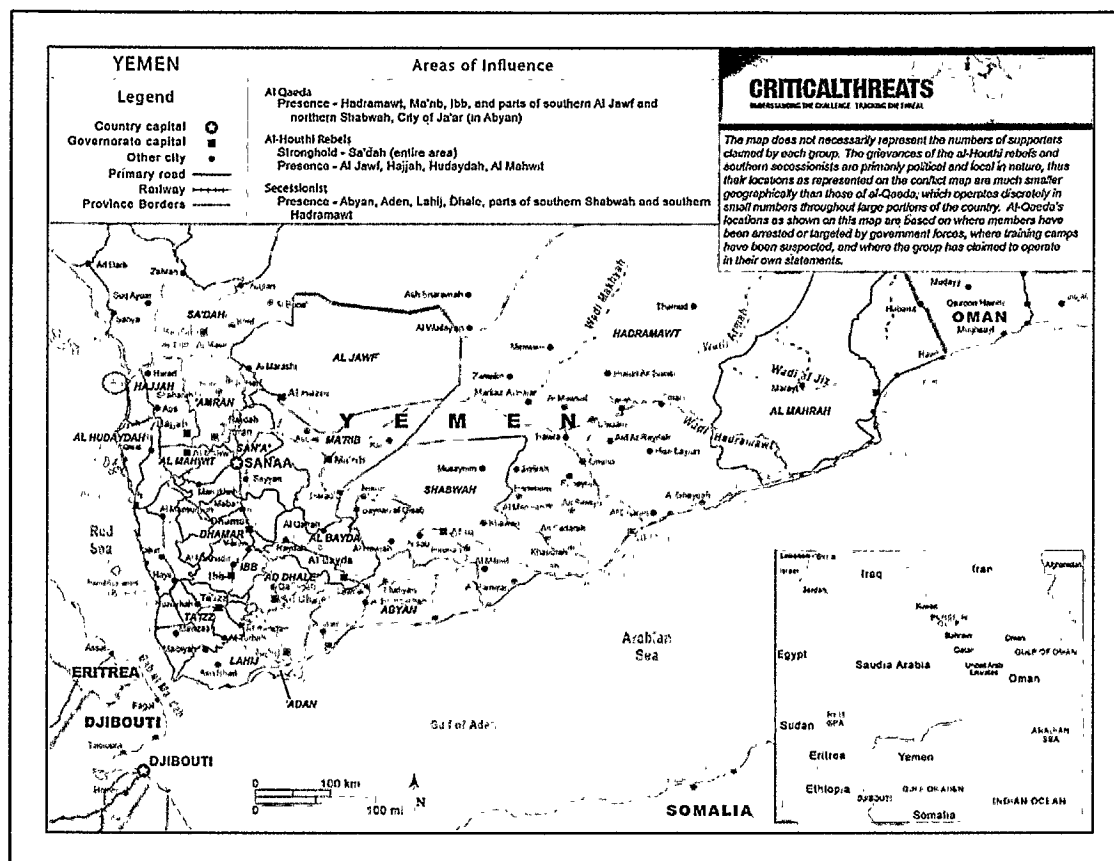
¹⁰⁴ <http://www.samanews.com/index.php?act=Show?id=55092>

¹⁰⁵ <http://www.alwasatnews.com/2629/news/read/336487/1.html>

¹⁰⁶ <http://al-jazeera.net/arabic/showthread.php?p=41800>

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A map showing, amongst other things, Al-Qaeda's deployment in Yemen. The map was uploaded onto several Jihadi forums such as "Hanein":

<http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=146158>.

Midi Port is located in the north-west of Yemen, on the border with Saudi Arabia (marked with a small red circle)

Yemeni sources reported on November 23rd 2009, that the border between Yemen and Saudi Arabia has become a safe haven for Al-Qaeda activists. The sources added that the unstable security situation caused by the fighting between the Houthis, on the one hand, and the Yemen and Saudi forces on the other, provides the organization's activists with fertile ground for training with advanced weaponry.¹⁰⁷

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On December 17th 2009 at least 34 Al-Qaeda activists were killed and dozens more were arrested in an attack by the Yemeni Army focusing on the Abyan region in the southern part of the country. According to various reports, in this attack during which Al-Qaeda activists planned on carrying out terrorist attacks against local and foreign targets in Yemen – Qasim Al-Rimi, AQAP's military commander was saved.



Al-Qaeda activist, Saleh Al-Umayr, makes a speech at Abyan and declares that the organization's enemy is "America and its agents"



A gathering of Al-Qaeda activists and the local tribes at the Abyan Province

A week later, on December 24th 2009, another attack was carried out against a group of Al-Qaeda activists, this time in Shabwa Province. Yemeni sources reported that in this assault the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Nasser Al-Wahishi and his Saudi deputy, Said Al-Shihri, were reported to have been killed alongside the religious cleric, Anwar Al-Awlaki, the American Islamic preacher of Yemeni origin who had contact with Major Nidal Hassan.¹⁰⁸ In March 2010 Al-Awlaki called for Jihad against the United States. In an audio tape attributed to him, he addressed the Muslims in America saying: "How does your conscience allow you to leave at peace with the nation responsible for the

¹⁰⁸ <http://www.aaawacat.com/details.asp?section=4&issue=11350&article=550010>

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tyranny and crimes against your brothers and sisters?!"¹⁰⁹ The Jihadi forums reported extensively on these attacks, while expressing hope that the organization leaders were still alive – which later turned out to be true. It should be noted that Sheikh Saleh Al-Umayr was killed in the first attack.¹¹⁰



**From right to left: Nasser Al-Wahishi, Said Al-Shihri
and Anwar Al-Awlaki**

Following the first attack in Abyan, carried out on December 17th 2009, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an official announcement stating that five U.S. fighter planes had executed the attack. The announcement further stated that U.S. espionage planes had been carrying out intelligence flights over Yemeni airspace for several months, in cooperation with "traitorous" Yemen. According to the announcement, "this massacre" was carried out with the agreement and coordination of the neighboring countries. Therefore, the announcement states the following:¹¹¹

1. The war over our country is a Zionist-Crusader war, targeting Islam and with the objective of eliminating the people of Palestine, Iraq, Afghanistan, Somalia, Chechnya, Waziristan and the rest of the Muslim countries.

¹⁰⁹ <http://hanein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=162540>

¹¹⁰ <http://alflojaweb.com/vb/showthread.php?t=97052>,
<http://7anein.info/vb/showthread.php?t=149550>

¹¹¹ <http://www.sharikh.net/vb/showthread.php?t=55335>

Finally, the announcement calls on the Yemeni tribes and the people of the Arabian Peninsula, to stand against the Zionist-Crusader campaign and its agents, and to attack its military bases, intelligence embassies and war fleets currently in the waters and on the lands of the Arabian Peninsula.

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Yemeni sources declared on January 15th 2010, that the military commander of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Qasem Al-Rimi, was killed together with five other senior members of the organization in an aerial attack carried out in northern Yemen.¹¹² As already stated, Al-Rimi survived an assassination attempt in an aerial strike carried out on December 17th 2009. Several days later, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula published an announcement denying that six of its commanders, including the organization's military leader, Qasem Al-Rimi, were killed in the fighting with Yemeni security forces. According to the organization, its men were only slightly injured in these attacks. Furthermore, the organization called on the Muslim nation to declare Jihad against the heretics and their agents, "not only at land but also at sea and in the air, as the Crusader warships are at Aden Bay, the Arab Sea and the Red Sea and American espionage planes are entering the Arabian Peninsula airspace..."¹¹³

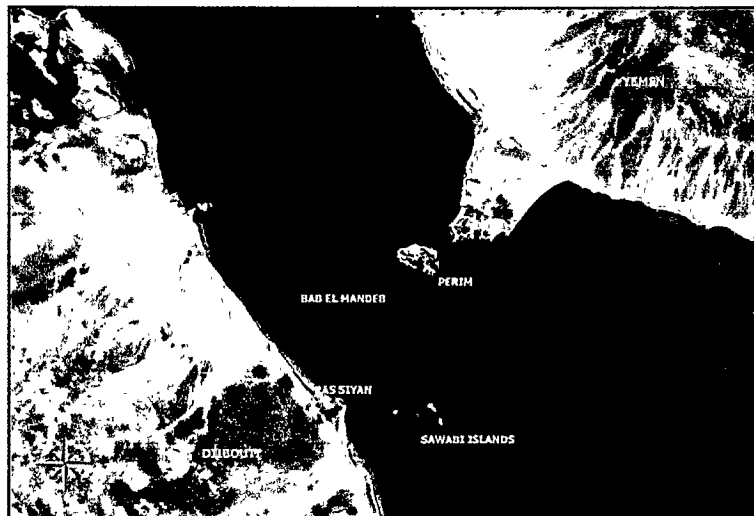


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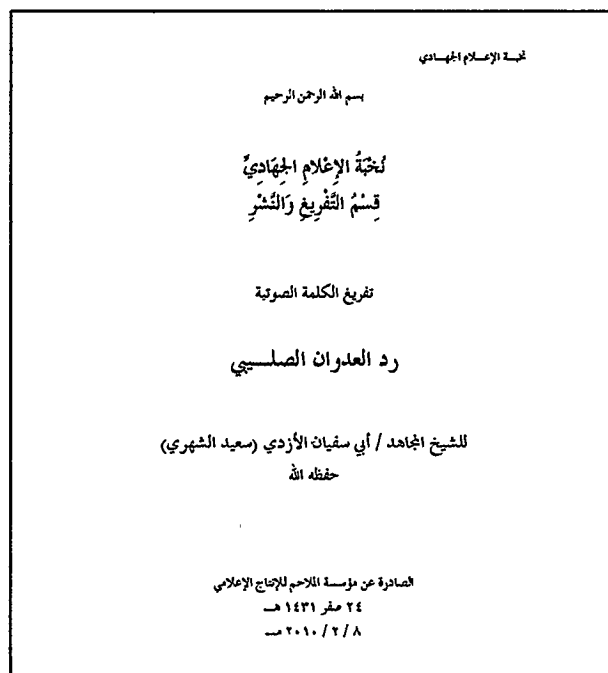
Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's Response to the Military Activity Taken against it

On February 8th 2010, Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institute, "Al-Malahem", published a 12 minute audio tape by the no. 2 man in the organization, Said Al-Shihri. Al-Shihri called for attacks on western targets and for preparation for the upcoming war against the organization in Yemen, with indirect American participation. As stated above, Al-Shihri hinted on the tape that the organization aspires to take over the Bab el-Mandeb Strait, separating Asia (Yemen) and Africa (Djibouti, north of Somalia in the Africa Horn) and connecting the Red Sea and Aden Bay in the Indian Ocean. In order to achieve this objective, he called on the armed men in Yemen to use fighters from Somalia.



Al-Shihri explains that the state of the Al-Qaeda leadership in Afghanistan-Pakistan is good, as well as the state of the organization in the Arabian Peninsula, which was recently attacked several times in the Abyan, Shabwa and Mareb regions. In fact, this tape constitutes proof that Al-Shihri was not killed in the December 2009 attacks carried out by the Yemeni forces on the organization's strongholds. Al-Shihri added that the organization's activists wish for this war in

Yemen not only for religious reasons, but also strategic reasons due to Yemen's geographical location.



In addition, Al-Shihri says on the tape that the organization's attempt to blow up an American passenger plane on Christmas Day was done in coordination with Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden claimed responsibility for the attack in an audio tape released at the end of January 2010, several weeks after the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula leadership announced that it was behind the attempted attack. In addition, he referred to the conference held on the subject of Yemen at the end of January 2010 in London. According to him, this conference constitutes a declaration of war by the West against Yemen, under the leadership of the United States. According to him, this war will be waged using espionage aircrafts and aerial bombings, as is happening in Afghanistan.

Finally, Al-Shihri called on the Yemeni tribes to join the Jihad, including the Shiite Houthi rebels who have ideological differences with Al-Qaeda, but at the same time are fighting a common enemy – the Yemeni government.¹¹⁴

It should be noted that in mid-May 2010, the Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula military commander, Qasim Al-Rimi, announced the death of two of the organization's commanders. The first, Naif bin Muhammad Al-Qahtani, served as a military instructor at the organization and is considered to be the founder of its communications branch. In addition, Al-Qahtani was one of 85 men wanted by the Saudi authorities. The second individual was Jamil Nasser Abdullah Al-Anbari, who was killed in the U.S. attack in Abyan Province in southern Yemen in March 2010.¹¹⁵

¹¹⁴ <http://www.majahden.com/vb/showthread.php?t=38653>

¹¹⁵ <http://www.aljazeera.net/MP/cover.asp?6C0020A0-EB98-4CE2-B16C-CC2400555054.htm>

Appendix 1 – Prominent Terrorist Attacks by Al-Qaeda in Yemen in the Past Decade

From an examination of the terrorist attacks carried out by Al-Qaeda in Yemen over the past decade,¹¹⁶ it is clear that the organization carried out attacks against foreign and local targets. Foreign embassies, especially those of the United States, are a preferred target for the terrorists. Alongside attempted attacks against foreign embassies, there is extensive activity against other foreign targets, especially tourists. However, many terrorist attacks are carried out by way of armed attacks on internal Yemeni targets such as policemen, diplomats etc. This is apparently due to the fact that following 9/11 the United States began helping to train local security forces as a way to improve the fight against Al-Qaeda activists.¹¹⁷

Date	Location	Modus Operandi	Results	Description
October 12 th 2000	Aden Bay	Maritime bomb	17 American sailors were killed	A dingy carrying explosives approached the USS Cole destroyer docking at Aden Bay, Yemen, and exploded nearby
October 13 th 2000	Sana'a, Yemen	Bombing	-----	An explosion caused damage to the British embassy, which was closed at the time. The explosion caused damage to the neighboring Danish embassy
March 15 th 2002	Sana'a, Yemen	Bombing	-----	Just a day after U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney visited Yemen, an explosion rocked the U.S. embassy in Sana'a

¹¹⁶ See also:

<http://www.ict.org.il/Articles/tabid/66/Articlsid/825/currentpage/1/Default.aspx>

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Date	Location	Modus Operandi	Results	Description
October 6 th 2002	Off the coast of Yemen	Bombing	-----	At 9:15, an explosion occurred aboard the French oil tanker Limburg, off the coast of Yemen
March 18 th 2003	Mareb, Yemen	Armed assault	Four killed, one injured	A Yemeni man shot and killed four people on an oil rig in Yemen
July 2 nd 2007	Mareb, Yemen	Suicide bomber	Seven killed, five injured	A suspected Al-Qaeda suicide bomber killed seven Spanish tourists and two Yemenis in an attack on an archaeological tourist site
January 18 th 2008	Hadramut province, Yemen	Armed assault	Four killed, two injured	Four armed gunmen attacked and killed a group of Belgian tourists in Hadramut Province, Yemen
March 18 th 2008	Sana'a, Yemen	Mortar Attack	One killed, six injured	A mortar shell exploded near a high school next to the U.S. embassy in Yemen. One Yemeni guard was killed and three students and three other guards were injured in the attack
April 10 th 2008	Sana'a, Yemen	Explosives device	-----	An explosives device blew up at a residential complex of Canadian and American oil company employees

Date	Location	Modus Operandi	Results	Description
September 17 th 2008	Sana'a, Yemen	Car Bomb	16 killed	A group of at least six attackers drove up to the U.S. embassy in Sana'a, Yemen, at approximately 0900 and attacked the guards with gunfire and rocket-propelled grenades. As the guards returned fire, a second car drove through the embassy gate and exploded at a second security ring of concrete blocks in an unsuccessful attempt to blow a hole in the wall. No Embassy staff were killed or wounded in the attack
March 15 th 2009	Shibam, Yemen	Suicide bomber	Four killed, seven injured	Four South Korean tourists were killed when a bomb was detonated
March 18 th 2009	Yemen	Suicide bomber	----	A bomb was detonated near a South Korean convoy which was carrying four South Korean officials and three relatives of victims of the 15 March 2009 attack
March 31 st 2009	Sana'a, Yemen	Abduction	----	Armed Yemeni tribesmen kidnapped two Dutch tourists in Sana'a
August 18 th 2009	Jeddah, Saudi Arabia	Suicide bomber (Attempted assassination)	----	A suicide bomber tried to assassinate the Deputy Saudi Minister of Interior
December 25 th 2009	Detroit, U.S.A	Suicide bomber (Attempt to blow up a passenger aircraft)	----	A suicide bomber tried to blow up an American passenger aircraft on its way from Amsterdam to Detroit

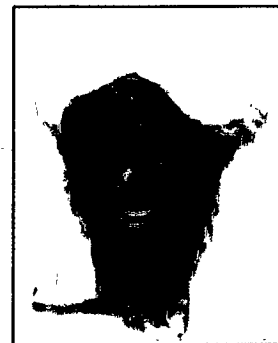
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Date	Location	Modus Operandi	Results	Description
April 26 th 2010	Sana'a, Yemen	Suicide bomber (Attempted assassination of the British ambassador)	One killed (the terrorist)	A suicide bomber blew himself up near the convoy of the British ambassador in Yemen
June 19 th 2010	Aden, Yemen	Automatic weapons and mortars	10 killed	Between 5 and 8 Al-Qaeda activists attacked an installation belonging to Yemen Intelligence in Aden. According to various reports, the attack succeeded in releasing detainees arrested in the detention facility.

Appendix 2 – Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's Core Leadership

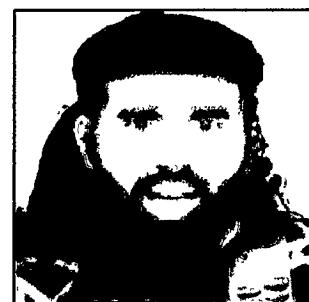
1. The organization leader, Nasir Abd Al-Karim Al-Wahishi, known as Abu Basir. Abu Basir, 33 years old, was Osama bin Laden's secretary. He left him in February 2002, and was arrested by Iran. He was extradited to Yemen, but escaped from prison in February 2006.



2. The deputy, Abu Sufyan Al-Azdi Said Al-Shihri, aged 35, former prisoner no. 372 in Guantanamo, and leader of Al-Qaeda in Saudi Arabia. Wanted by the Saudi authorities. Al-Shihri was responsible for the suicide bombing at the United States' embassy in Sana'a in September 2008.



3. The organization's field commander, Abu Al-Harith Muhammad Al-Awfi. In March 2009 it was reported that Al-Awfi had given himself up to the Yemeni authorities, who then extradited him to Saudi Arabia.



4. The military commander, Abu Huraira Qasem Al-Rimi. In August 2007 it was claimed that he was killed. From the various reports it seems that he was in charge of propaganda for Al-Qaeda in



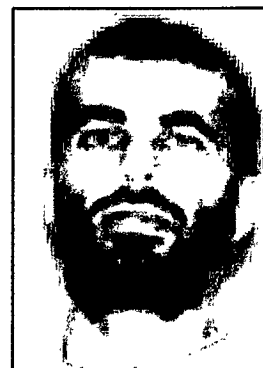
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Yemen, member of the organization's Shura Council, no. 2 in the organization and Al-Qaeda's leader in Yemen.

5. Ibrahim Suleiman Al-Rubaish, Al-Qaeda's mufti.

Arrested by Pakistani authorities at the end of 2001 and extradited to the Americans and held at Guantanamo Bay. He was released at the end of 2006 to the Saudi rehabilitation program but escaped to Yemen together with Al-Shihri. His influence and constant preaching for



Jihad gave him the title of Mufti, a role which is vital to the organization as it provides religious justification for its actions. His objective is to attack the Saudi Royal Family and the elimination of senior figures.

6. Anwar Al-Awlaqi, an Al-Qaeda leader. Anwar Al-

Awlaqi's name made headlines in connection to the terrorist attacks carried out by Nidal Malek Hassan at the military base in Texas in November 2009, and the attempted attack by the Nigerian Omar Faruq Abd Al-Mutlab to blow up an American passenger






plane on Christmas Day 2009. Al-Awlaqi is an American preacher of Yemeni origin, currently living in Yemen. In November 2009 the U.S. declared Al-Awlaqi to be a wanted man. He survived assassination attempts, and is now hiding amongst his tribes people. Al-Awlaqi is often mentioned on Jihadi forums and his stature amongst the surfers and global Jihad organizations has risen. On April 27th 2010 Al-Awlaqi was seen in a video produced by "Al-Malahim", Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula's media institute. Following the

movie, Al-Awlaqi has been declared to be "an Al-Qaeda leader".¹¹⁸ In May 2010 the leader of Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, Nasser Al-Wahishi, published an audio tape in which he embraced Al-Awlaqi and declared he will defend him from assassination attempts.¹¹⁹




¹¹⁸ <http://www.daralhayat.com/portalarticlendam/135278>



¹¹⁹ <http://www.google.com/hostednews/afp/article/ALeqM5hzqj5-dV6X1nAqWzMsfLPb-MFI->

Appendix 3 – The “Sada Al-Malahem” Magazine Prominent Issues

Issue no.	Publication date	Issues	No. of pages	Cover page
1	January – February 2008	An article by the organization's leader, Abu Bassir; ¹²⁰ an article on the terrorist attack carried out by the organization in Abyan Province; an interview with a man wanted by the Saudi authorities; publication of Suras praising the path of Jihad.	24	
2	March – April 2008	An announcement by the person in charge of propaganda in the organization; an article on the situation in the Gaza Strip; an article on religious issues by the organization's Sharia Council; an article praising Jihadi forums and websites; an article titled "Carry out Jihad with us!"	40	
3	May – June 2008	An article condemning the Yemeni president; general articles on religion, faith and the struggle against the "Crusaders"	23	

¹²⁰ Almost every issue publishes articles by the organization leadership, either by the Amir or one of the other commanders

Issue no.	Publication date	Issues	No. of pages	Cover page
4	2008 (the month is not stated; apparently July – August)	An article titled "Somalia... the forgotten territory"; a message to Yemeni youth	41	
5	September – October 2008	An interview with a man wanted by the Yemeni authorities; an article on Ramadan as a month of Jihad; an article titled "The Mujahideen and the northern resource"; a call to help Somalia; an analysis of a terrorist attack carried out by the organization in Yemen; an article titled "Carry out Jihad with us with your money!"	46	
6	November 2008	This issue is mostly dedicated to the terrorist attack carried out at the U.S. embassy in Yemen in September 2008: "The fate of those working at the embassy"; the organization claiming responsibility for the attack; an analysis of the attack; an article of Jihadi propaganda versus institutional propaganda.	48	

Issue no.	Publication date	Issues	No. of pages	Cover page
7	January 2009	An article regarding the "Cast Lead" operation in the Gaza Strip; an article commemorating 7 years since the September 11 attacks; a fatwa by the Religious Committee regarding fighting the conqueror; an article commemorating three years since the escape of Al-Qaeda leaders from the Yemeni prison; a message by Ayman Al-Zawahiri to the people of Yemen and after Obama's victory in the elections; an article on the Maghreb countries.	44	
8	February - March 2009	An article on the uniqueness of the Arabian Peninsula; an article by Abu Musab Al-Suri regarding the responsibility of the Yemeni people towards the places holy to the Muslims; an article by the Da'awa Committee; an article critical of Egypt; an address made by the Leader of the Muslim Brotherhood in Somalia; the magazine's responses to letters from the readers.	54	

Issue no.	Publication date	Issues	No. of pages	Cover page
9	April – May 2009	The law regarding attacking tourists; an article on Obama; official announcements by the organization; ways to contact the person in charge of propaganda at the organization.	56	
10	June – July 2009	Articles on religion and faith; Bin Laden's message regarding "Practical steps for the liberation of Palestine"; an article on "Why are we fighting in the Arabian Peninsula?"; an article on Guantanamo; a request for help addressed to Somalia; an article by the military commander on ways to help the Mujahideen.	60	
11	September – October 2009	The magazine is dedicated almost entirely to the assassination attempt on the Saudi Deputy Minister of Interior, which occurred in August 2009.	73	

Issue no.	Publication date	Issues	No. of pages	Cover page
12	January – February 2010	The issue is dedicated almost entirely to the attempt by the Nigerian Omar Faruq Abd Al-Mutlab to blow up an American passenger aircraft on Christmas Day 2009.	54	
13	April – May 2010	The spy between past and present; practical steps in helping Jihad in the Arabian Peninsula; the Suna between the Shia rock and the agent government hard place; the role of the Western delegations in the Arabian Peninsula; at your command Osama (an announcement by Al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula).	60	

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Individuals close to Khan have expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr and he himself has indicated an interest in becoming a martyr. In October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen,

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[redacted] In January 2010, intelligence suggested that Khan became involved with AQAP and was actively planning attacks against the US. In July 2010, AQAP released an online, English language magazine known as "Inspire" that contains advice on making a bomb and preparing for jihad. Intelligence suggests that Khan is a major contributor to "Inspire." Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~/~~(S)~~ [redacted] Samir Khan is a 24 year-old, self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi who, from late 2005 until late 2009, administered a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog that gained international attention. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Investigation has shown Khan becoming increasingly religious and radical over time. In addition, investigation has shown that Khan has become a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad. Khan is the creator of the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections." [redacted] (S)

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Individuals close to Khan have expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr and he himself has indicated an interest in becoming a martyr. In October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen apparently to make hijra [redacted] (S)

In January 2010, intelligence suggested that Khan became involved with AQAP and was actively planning attacks against the US. In July 2010, AQAP released an online, English language magazine known as "Inspire" that contains advice on making a bomb and preparing for jihad. Intelligence suggests that Khan is a major contributor to "Inspire." Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 10/11/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT [redacted]

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(CE) (FBI)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Friday, October 08, 2010 8:38 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: fingerprints

If he was fingerprinted, as part of a criminal history check or as required by some employers, he would have retained his prints. CMPD does not store fingerprints, other than those collected at crime scenes or voluntarily provide for elimination purposes.

From: [redacted]
Sent: Monday, October 04, 2010 3:28 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: fingerprints

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[redacted] on the off-chance that Samir Khan was required to be fingerprinted for a job/potential job or anything else, and on the off-chance that he was required to be fingerprinted at CMPD or by the SBI, can you both check with your agencies to see if you have fingerprints for Khan?
His full name is Samir Zafar Khan, his dob is 12/25/1985, and his SSAN is 091-80-3487.

Many thanks,

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/15/2010

To: Charlotte

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA
SA
IA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U)

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(U) Title: (S) SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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Synopsis: (U) To document interview with Samir Khan's
on 10/13/2010.

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Derived From: FBI NSISGC, 20080301
Declassify On: 10/15/2035

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(U) Details: (S) Prior to this interview, FBI Charlotte investigators and analysts working multiple Samir Khan Network cases discussed the interview strategy in-depth. With the 10/11/2010 publication of the second issue of AQAP's "Inspire" magazine containing Samir's confession, and the subsequent media coverage of this, investigators believe this interview attempt is not only a due diligence effort, but it is expected by the family and the public. Ideally investigators would like to obtain the cooperation of Khan's family and have them influence Khan.

(U) (S) Because investigators are aware that the entire Khan family is represented by an attorney, it was decided that only it would be questioned.

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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 10/15/2010

(U) ~~(S)~~ Prior to the interview, appropriate approvals were obtained from SSA [redacted]. In addition, coordination with FBI [redacted] CTD [redacted], and the case [redacted] occurred.

(U) On 10/13/2010, SA [redacted], SA [redacted] TFO [redacted] IA [redacted] and writer, in two separate cars, traveled to the vicinity of [redacted] Charlotte, NC. At approximately 4:25 pm, [redacted] arrived at the residence in a [redacted] and pulled into the garage. While the garage door was open, [redacted] walked out of the front door of residence towards the driveway.

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(U) Writer, IA [redacted], and SA [redacted] approached the garage and writer greeted [redacted] in the driveway. [redacted] stated that she remembered writer; writer proceeded to show writer's credentials. Writer asked if [redacted] was available to talk and [redacted] said [redacted] just got home from work. Writer saw [redacted] in the garage and advised [redacted] of writer's identity and showed him writer's credentials. [redacted] who stayed in the garage throughout the interview while [redacted] remained on the driveway throughout the interview, stated interviewers need to go through their attorney to speak to him. [It is noted that interviewers were able to maintain visual contact with [redacted] throughout the interview despite the fact that he remained in the garage.] Writer mentioned that the reason for coming to see [redacted] is because the FBI was not aware that he was represented by an attorney, as are the other members of the family. [redacted] was informed that this visit is about the magazine that was recently released - the magazine with which [redacted] Samir, is involved. Both [redacted] and [redacted] indicated that they had not seen the magazine. [redacted] stated that the media is full of lies. A copy of the magazine was provided by writer. [It is noted that [redacted] did not come get the magazine so it was handed to [redacted]] [redacted] and [redacted] were advised that they may want to read the magazine because interviewers think a poem, written to them, is in the magazine. [It is noted that the poem was marked with a yellow sticky paper.] When asked about the contact information for their attorney, both [redacted] and [redacted] said that they previously provided the FBI with the contact information for their attorney. When asked to confirm that the attorney for their [redacted] Samir [redacted] is their attorney also, both [redacted] and [redacted] replied in the affirmative. Writer then provided them with the telephone number of AUSA [redacted] and encouraged them to have their attorney contact AUSA [redacted] to set up a meeting. [redacted] stated they will do so if their attorney thinks it is a good idea, but they have no information for the FBI. Writer and SA [redacted] again encouraged [redacted], stating the FBI is not looking for specific information about Samir. Interviewers stated that [redacted] and their attorney should meet with the FBI to talk and try and resolve this situation because it is much bigger than them, [redacted] Samir, or the FBI [It is noted that [redacted] nodded in agreement.] Prior to departing, writer advised [redacted] that should

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the family receive any threats, based on the recent media attention about [redacted], they should immediately contact the FBI. [redacted] agreed and expressed appreciation. [redacted] was again told that the interviewers did not come to speak to anyone other than him because the FBI is aware that all of the other family members are represented by an attorney.

(U) Interviewers assess that the contact, although conducted entirely outside, was cordial and both the [redacted] and the FBI were respectful throughout the brief exchange.

- (U) ~~(S)~~ It is the opinion of the interviewers that:
- 1) [redacted] looks as though he has lost a significant amount of weight;
 - 2) [redacted] and [redacted] truly had not seen this second issue of "Inspire."

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/22/2010

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Attn: [REDACTED]

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SA [REDACTED]Attn: [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]From: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 10/22/2010

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~~Derived From : FBI NSISCG 20090615~~
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Reference: (U) [REDACTED]

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Details: (U) The purpose of this communication is to provide a summary of information submitted by an [REDACTED] member, and claim Investigative Accomplishments for [REDACTED] Division's [REDACTED]

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(U) On 10/21/2010, [REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 10/22/2010

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 10/22/2010

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(U) ~~(S)~~ The [REDACTED] [REDACTED] A
[REDACTED] revealed most of them pertained to
the Inspire online magazine. The referenced serial indicated Al-

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 10/22/2010

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Malahem may be the media wing for Al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula.

(U) ~~(S)~~ Both open source and USIC reporting indicate both KHAN and AULAQI may be involved with the publication of Inspire online magazine. Inspire is notable for being the first ever exclusively English language magazine published by Al-Qa'ida. The first issue appeared in 07/2010 and the second issue appeared in 10/2010.

(U) DISSEMINATION

(U) Charlotte and [REDACTED] are respectfully requested to review the aforementioned information and take whatever investigative actions deemed appropriate. [REDACTED] will take no further action unless requested by Charlotte or [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] The [REDACTED] point of contact is as follows:

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[REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED], 10/22/2010

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 1
Type: [REDACTED]
ITU: INDIVIDUAL/NON-INFORMANT
Claimed By: [REDACTED]
SSN: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Squad: [REDACTED]

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To: Counterterrorism From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 10/22/2010

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LEAD(s):

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AT [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED] Read and clear.

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Set Lead 2: (Info)

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

(U) [REDACTED] /SA [REDACTED]: Charlotte is respectfully requested to review the aforementioned information and take whatever investigative actions deemed appropriate. [REDACTED] will take no further action unless requested by [REDACTED] Charlotte.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

[REDACTED]
AT [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED] /SA [REDACTED] is respectfully requested to review the aforementioned information and take whatever investigative actions deemed appropriate. [REDACTED] will take no further action unless requested by [REDACTED]

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/18/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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From: Charlotte

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Contact: SA

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
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Approved By: [redacted]

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SAMIR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMISM INSPIRED

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Re: (U) [redacted] 10/18/2010

LEAD(s):

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Set Lead 2: (Information)

COUNTERTERRORISM

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(U) [redacted] Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted] Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 5: (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 10/18/2010

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Set Lead 8: (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted] Read and clear.

Set Lead 9: (Information)

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 10: (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

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Set Lead 12 (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 13 (Information)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 14 (Information)

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(U) Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/26/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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Attn: SA [redacted]
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From: [redacted]

Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]

Case ID #: (U) (S) [redacted] (S)

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SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
[redacted] (RADICALIZER/RECRUITER);
CT-GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

Synopsis: (S) To document [redacted] response to an
Action lead set [redacted] in the referenced (S)
communication.

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~~Derived From : FBI NSISCG 20080301~~
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Reference: (S) [redacted] (S)

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To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]

(S) Re: ~~(S)~~ [redacted] 10/26/2010

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(S) To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]
Re: (S) [redacted] 10/26/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

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Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) Read and clear.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 10/27/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U)

(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

(U) Synopsis: ~~(S)~~/~~NOFORN~~ To again update
for captioned case based on recent intelligence.

Derived From : FBI NSISCG 20080301
Declassify On: 20351027

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(S) Details: ~~(S)~~/~~NOFORN~~ In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include:

Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections," which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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Re: (U) [redacted] 10/27/2010

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Based on Khan's current activities, as outlined in the aforementioned [redacted] and as per Khan's public confession of being a traitor, taking an oath of allegiance to Al Qaeda, and pledging jihad for the rest of his life, it is recommended that this case be administratively updated in ACS to reflect [redacted] [redacted]. The current [redacted] [redacted] should remain unchanged based on intelligence indicating Khan is actively planning attacks against the US.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 10/27/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) For information of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/28/2010

[REDACTED], white male, work telephone number [REDACTED], ext. [REDACTED] cellular telephone number [REDACTED] email address [REDACTED] was interviewed at his place of employment, NCO Customer Management Incorporated (NCO), located at 6324 Fairview Road, Suite 400, Charlotte, NC 28210. Also present during the interview was [REDACTED]. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] for NCO, provided a brief background on NCO, informing interviewers that NCO is largely a collection agency, but has expanded and now offers customer support to clients. APPLE is a client of NCO and NCO handles a portion of customer/technical support matters for APPLE.

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[REDACTED] continued, stating that although interviewers wish to speak to [REDACTED] about SAMIR KHAN, [REDACTED] was advised by NCO Human Resources lawyers that to do so would require a subpoena since [REDACTED] is [REDACTED] and would be speaking about a former employee. [REDACTED] was advised that it is a liability issue since KHAN could sue NCO for whatever [REDACTED] says about him (KHAN).

Interviewers advised [REDACTED] that a subpoena is not needed to simply speak to someone and that going through the process of serving Federal Grand Jury subpoenas on NCO employees to try and obtain information on KHAN would be more disruptive to them and NCO than spending 15 minutes speaking with interviewers today. Interviewers advised that the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) is not currently requesting physical items related to KHAN, such as his personnel record or results of his drug tests, if any were given, but rather the FBI is looking for information about KHAN in an effort to do due diligence. [REDACTED] was advised that this is a national security matter and [REDACTED] responded that he understood.

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[REDACTED] stated that the FBI can speak to the NCO lawyers about this matter and that [REDACTED] understands what the FBI is trying to do. [REDACTED] then stated that he was [REDACTED] KHAN's last day at NCO, approximately [REDACTED], so he does not have a great deal of information to share. [REDACTED] recalled that employees who worked with KHAN approached him [REDACTED] when [REDACTED] was hired and [REDACTED] KHAN due to the fact that KHAN had an anti-American blog. [REDACTED] recalled telling these employees that KHAN [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] recounted how KHAN requested a leave of absence to "go back to Yemen" but that leave of absence was declined. [REDACTED] said that NCO allowed KHAN to pray every day.

When asked if a personnel file does exist for KHAN, [REDACTED] answered in the affirmative. When asked what can be found in the file, [REDACTED] stated that KHAN's application, any disciplinary actions, and information about his termination from the company can be found in there. [REDACTED] stated that he only saw the top cover page of the file and noted that KHAN's last day at NCO - the last day that KHAN showed up at work - was October 14, 2009. [REDACTED] stated that KHAN was terminated on either October 22 or October 26, 2009.

[REDACTED] knows that the FBI is going to interview [REDACTED] tomorrow because [REDACTED] who works as a consultant for NCO, told [REDACTED] this today. [REDACTED] is nervous about the interview because he believes the FBI is [REDACTED] KHAN at CONVERGYS and NCO.

Prior to departing, business cards were exchanged with [REDACTED] was also provided an FBI business card and advised he could call at his leisure.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/28/2010

[REDACTED], white male, work telephone number [REDACTED], cellular telephone number [REDACTED], was telephonically interviewed on October 28, 2010. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

When telephonically contacted and advised of interviewers' pending arrival at [REDACTED] place of employment, NCO FINANCIAL (NCO), located at 6324 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC 28210, for a previously scheduled interview to discuss SAMIR KHAN, [REDACTED] stated that an issue arose concerning the interview. [REDACTED] was recently advised that because he is a manager and represents the company, he cannot speak to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) about a former employee without a subpoena.

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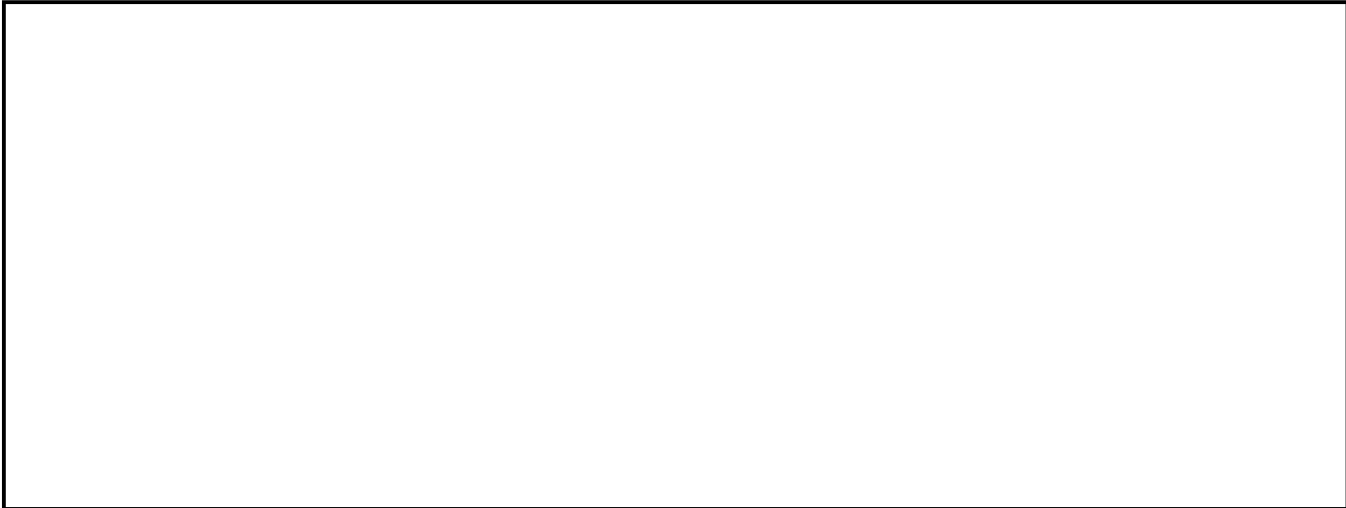
Interviewing Agent advised that a subpoena is not necessary to simply speak to [REDACTED] but some type of legal process would be necessary if the FBI wanted to obtain physical evidence from NCO. Interviewing Agent provided examples of such evidence, such as KHAN's personnel file, the results of SAMIR KHAN's drug tests, or a copy of KHAN's fingerprints, if NCO has such items. [REDACTED] stated that NCO only requires background checks of their employees and that NCO does not do drug testing or take fingerprints of new employees, to include KHAN when KHAN was hired.

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(S) • (S//X) [redacted] Samir Khan is a 24 year-old, self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi who, from late 2005 until late 2009, administered a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog that gained international attention. On Khan's online blog, as well as on several other online forums with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Investigation has shown Khan becoming increasingly religious and radical over time. In addition, investigation has shown that Khan has become a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad. Khan is the creator of the first US-based, English language, pro-iihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections." [redacted] (S)

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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [redacted]
REASON: 1.4 (C)
DECLASSIFY ON: 12-31-2035
DATE: 02-19-2019

[redacted] (CE) (FBI)

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 11:53 AM
To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: RE: planned interview of Samir Khan [redacted] - 11:30 am UPDATE

All -

After reviewing the July interview of [redacted] and noting that it was documented that she requested that the FBI should go through her attorney the next time the FBI wants to talk to her, [redacted]

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SA [redacted]
FBI Charlotte [redacted]
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From: [redacted] (CE) (FBI)
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 9:23 AM
To: [redacted]

Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: planned interview of Samir Khan [redacted]
Importance: High

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All,

Please see below regarding CE's plan for attempting to contact [redacted] Samir Khan today concerning the recent release of Inspire 2. It contains an article where Samir Khan discusses being a traitor to the U.S. and pledging his allegiance to UBL.

Mr. [redacted] - can you please ensure that this gets routed to the [redacted] program manager?

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thanks,

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(Relief Supv for [redacted])

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Charlotte Division
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-----Original Message-----

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, October 13, 2010 9:13 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
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Subject: planned interview of Samir Khan's [redacted]
[redacted]

The plan is for us to attempt to interview Samir Khan's [redacted] (S)
(S) [redacted] and [redacted] sometime today, 10/13/2010, at the Khan [redacted] With the recent
publication of Inspire 2 containing Samir's confession, and the subsequent media coverage of
this, we think this interview attempt is not only doing our due diligence, but it is expected
by the family and the public. Ideally we would like to obtain the cooperation of the family
and have them influence Khan.

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The possibility exists that [redacted] (Khan's [redacted])
Samir's [redacted] may be present at the residence. We understand (S)
[redacted] is represented and we have no intent to question him unless he voluntarily revokes his
right to counsel.

[redacted]
[redacted] As far as coordination/deconfliction, [redacted] (S)
[redacted]

There are no attorney-client issues
regarding this interview of [redacted]. We will touch base one last time with the AUSA
before the interview attempt. In addition, we will coordinate with [redacted] later this morning due
to the time difference. Finally, we will coordinate with our respective PMs to ensure they
are onboard.

Here is our approach:

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[REDACTED]

We understand that anything we say can ultimately show up in the press/media and this will stay in the back of our minds.

FYI, interviewers will be me, SA [REDACTED] and IA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] will be close in the event we need further
bodies for interviews, security, etc.

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FBI Charlotte [REDACTED]
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Date of transcription 10/28/2010

[REDACTED] black male, born on [REDACTED] cellular telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at a public restaurant located in Charlotte, North Carolina. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

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[REDACTED] who currently is in new-employee training with TIME WARNER CABLE located at 3140 West Arrowood Road, Charlotte, NC, worked at NCO FINANCIAL (NCO) with SAMIR KHAN (KHAN). [REDACTED] was hired by NCO in November of 2008 and left NCO in April 2010 under bad terms. [REDACTED] recalls that KHAN was hired by NCO sometime in 2009.

Both [REDACTED] and KHAN were [REDACTED] under the [REDACTED] until "all of the sudden he (KHAN) didn't show up." When asked about the date that this occurred, [REDACTED] recalled that KHAN did not show up for work approximately one year ago.

KHAN was involved in customer service for NCO and was assigned to work technical support/troubleshooting for Apple computers. This was a promotion for KHAN, who previously worked the same type of support for Apple iPhones.

Concerning the training KHAN and his coworkers received, they trained on Apple products, customer service, how to troubleshoot, and technical support. They did not receive security training for Apple computers. The training received was considered proprietary and they were advised not to write the information down that was learned in the classroom. In addition, the training material could not leave the classroom/building.

[REDACTED] described KHAN as quiet and friendly, not problematic, and someone who did his job. [REDACTED] did not socialize with KHAN outside of work and stated that KHAN did not socialize with anyone outside of work.

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[REDACTED]

KHAN prayed five times a day while working at NCO and even brought his prayer rug with him. [REDACTED] said that KHAN was not anti-social, but he kept to himself unless spoken to. KHAN ate by himself and walked to his car by himself. KHAN was never mean or condescending.

NCO did not fingerprint new employees or give them drug tests.

[REDACTED] recalled that someone "on the floor" Googled KHAN's name and discovered that he was on the Internet for his pro-jihad views. A Fox news report about KHAN was sent around the office. Some coworkers were very upset with KHAN's activity outside of the workplace and went to complain to upper management. Upper management and Human Resources knew about KHAN's activity outside of the workplace. One military veteran who worked with KHAN was extremely upset. Another coworker, a female who lost a friend in Iraq, was very mad. Her name is [REDACTED] telephone number [REDACTED]. She currently lives in Kentucky.

Prior to this discovery of KHAN's pro-jihad activity, no one knew [REDACTED] ideology. After the discovery of KHAN's pro-jihad activity, coworkers did not talk to him for a week, not out of fear, but out of anger. After this week, as [REDACTED] previously mentioned, KHAN "was gone" and never returned to NCO.

[REDACTED] was amenable to recontact and was left a business card.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 10/31/2010

[REDACTED] male, born on [REDACTED] residing at [REDACTED] Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, cellular telephone number [REDACTED] was interviewed at the offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), located at 400 South Tryon, Suite 900, Charlotte, North Carolina. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing Agents and the nature of the interview, [REDACTED] provided the following information:

[REDACTED] who stated that [REDACTED] knows SAMIR KHAN (KHAN) because he worked at NCO FINANCIAL (NCO) with KHAN in 2009.

[REDACTED] advised that he contacted the FBI in August (2010) after he heard Congresswoman SUE MYRICK say in the media that Al Qaeda does nothing by coincidence.

[REDACTED] expressed many concerns about this, stating that he thinks KHAN may have targeted him to be an unwitting participant in terrorism. When asked what he meant by being an unwitting participant, [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and KHAN may have been trying to exploit these relationships. When asked where his loyalties lie, [REDACTED] emphatically stated that his loyalties lie with the United States. [REDACTED] stated he would never agree to participate in any act against the United States.

Of particular concern to [REDACTED] is the fact that he discovered that KHAN also worked at CONVERGYS while [REDACTED] was employed there. [REDACTED] began working at CONVERGYS in early 2007 in a [REDACTED] COMCAST CABLE. [REDACTED] left CONVERGYS in late 2007 or early 2008. While at CONVERGYS, [REDACTED] never met, saw, or talked to KHAN. [REDACTED] had no knowledge of KHAN while the two were apparently working at CONVERGYS.

Investigation on 10/29/2010 at Charlotte, NC

File # [REDACTED] Date dictated 10/31/2010
by SA [REDACTED]
SA [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was hired by NCO on September 28, 2008, and currently still works there. [REDACTED] met KHAN, for the first time, in 2009 at NCO, but could not narrow down the specific date or month. [REDACTED] recalled that KHAN was wearing short sleeves when the two met and surmised that it may have been warm weather outside.

[REDACTED] remembered the first time he met KHAN and how KHAN was wearing a "kufi cap" in the hallway at NCO's facility. [REDACTED] who thought KHAN may be a Muslim, introduced himself and asked KHAN about his Muslim faith.

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[REDACTED] and KHAN were assigned to work on the same team [REDACTED] felt KHAN did not like his job.

The team to which KHAN and [REDACTED] were assigned worked technical support for Apple "cpus and portables," which includes desktops and laptops. [REDACTED] recalled working with KHAN, on a daily basis, for approximately six months.

[REDACTED] believes that he [REDACTED] was the friendliest of all NCO employees to KHAN. [REDACTED] and KHAN never socialized outside of the workplace, but while at work, the two often had lengthy conversations. Of interest to [REDACTED] was the fact that he [REDACTED] believed KHAN did not like black people, yet [REDACTED]

One topic of the many conversations between [REDACTED] and KHAN was that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Also, KHAN discussed being a Muslim. Although KHAN did tell [REDACTED] that Islam is right, [REDACTED] did not feel like KHAN was trying to convert him, only educate him. KHAN never gave [REDACTED] any indication of his intentions as it related to his (KHAN's) religion. [REDACTED] recalled once telling KHAN that Americans can be very arrogant at times and KHAN agreed.

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[REDACTED] Another concern of [REDACTED] was the fact that [REDACTED] told KHAN about his [REDACTED] educational background of having 256 undergraduate credit hours. [REDACTED] explained his concern by saying that he recently read something that KHAN wrote, on the Internet, about defining success. KHAN wrote that success is not measured by one's education level, one's income level, or if one works 9:00 to 5:00. [REDACTED] believes KHAN was specifically referencing conversations he (KHAN) had with [REDACTED] about this very topic and this frightens [REDACTED].

When asked if KHAN started some of these conversations with [REDACTED] replied in the affirmative, but stated that KHAN only started conversations with [REDACTED] not anyone else at NCO.

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[REDACTED] last saw KHAN in October 2009. [REDACTED] last spoke to KHAN in October 2009.

[REDACTED], who says he does not keep up with office gossip, said that NCO employees looked up KHAN on the Internet in July 2010 and discovered he has ties to Al Qaeda. Some workers thought it was funny but [REDACTED] did not. [REDACTED] confirmed for interviewers that prior to July 2010, [REDACTED] had no idea about KHAN's ties to extremism. [REDACTED] is not aware of any NCO employees looking up KHAN on the Internet while KHAN was employed at NCO.

[REDACTED] stated that NCO does not do drug tests or take fingerprints of new employees, to include KHAN. NCO only does a background check and many employees are upset that this is the only pre-employment screening that NCO does.

[REDACTED], who used to be in [REDACTED] said that he is open to recontact with the FBI and he will also initiate contact with the FBI if he has further information on KHAN.

[REDACTED] was advised that if he ever feels threatened, due to the fears he has that he is somehow being "played" by KHAN, he should immediately call 911.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 11/01/2010

To:

Attn:

Counterterrorism

Attn:

Charlotte

Attn: Evidence Technician

From:

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U)

(U) Title: (S)

SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

(U) LATENT PRINTS

Synopsis: (U) Request FBI conduct a latent prints exam for captioned investigation.

~~Derived From: FBI NSISGC, 20080301~~
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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 11/01/2010

Package Copy: (U) Being forwarded under separate cover are FBI Charlotte evidence items 1B1 through 1B7.

(U) [REDACTED]

Details:

BACKGROUND ON SAMIR KHAN

(S) ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED] In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from [REDACTED] in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [REDACTED] (S)

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Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections," which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 11/01/2010

(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

(S) For further case information, please visit the case sharepoint (on FBI Intranet) at:
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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/01/2010

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[redacted] by AQAP: the August 2009 assassination attempt against
Saudi Prince Muhammad bin Nayaf, and the [redacted]
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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 11/01/2010

REQUEST

- (U) (S) Writer requests that FBI Charlotte's Evidence Technician, taking into account that a latent prints exam is being requested, pack evidence items 1B1 through 1B7 and provide these items to the [redacted] immediately.
- (U) (S) FBI Charlotte requests that the [redacted] conduct a latent prints exam on items 1B1 through 1B7 and compare the results of this exam with laboratory number 101019016, item Q2, as well as the aforementioned two, [redacted]
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- (U) (S) It should be noted that FBI Charlotte has attempted to locate fingerprints for Khan. Specifically, FBI Charlotte has queried [redacted], the Charlotte [redacted] [redacted] and the [redacted] for this data, but to no avail. Recently, FBI Charlotte interviewed individuals who worked with Khan at NCO Financial, just prior to his departure for Yemen, and these individuals advised that fingerprints were not taken for employees of NCO.. Captioned lead is not FBI Charlotte's final effort to obtain fingerprints for Khan; other options are also being discussed. However, any assistance the FBI [redacted] can provide in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

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Re: (U) [redacted] 11/01/2010

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LEAD(s):

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) ~~(S)~~ Writer requests that FBI Charlotte's Evidence Technician, taking into account that a latent prints exam is being requested, pack evidence items 1B1 through 1B7 and provide these items to the [redacted] immediately.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Writer requests FBI [redacted] perform an immediate latent prints exam and comparison, as detailed in above communication, and provide FBI Charlotte with results. For any questions or clarifications, please contact SA [redacted]
[redacted]

Set Lead 3: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

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Set Lead 4: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

(U) LATENT PRINTS

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/02/2010

To: Charlotte

From: Charlotte [REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: [REDACTED]

Title: [REDACTED] LIAISON CONTACT;
SHALOM PARK
CHARLOTTE, NC

Synopsis: To document recent liaison activity with Shalom Park, Charlotte, NC.

Details: On 10/31/2010, writer received an email from writer's Shalom Park liaison contact, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Foundation of Shalom Park, Charlotte, NC. The email requested FBI guidance on handling of suspicious packages in light of the recent AQAP attempted mail bombings of two Chicago-based Jewish institutions. Writer electronically provided [REDACTED] with an FBI Advisory on this topic, which was located on the FBI Internet web site.

On 11/01/2010, [REDACTED] sent writer another email asking about the need for Shalom Park to slightly increase physical security based on recent events. Writer replied that the FBI cannot make specific security recommendations, but writer did advise that the FBI has no intelligence that suggests there is a threat to the Jewish community.

On 11/01/2010, [REDACTED] sent writer an email requesting an FBI briefing on recent events. Writer obtained approval to give this briefing from the [REDACTED] SSA and cleared writer's unclassified briefing materials and insight through [REDACTED] SSA and CE's CSO. The majority of facts/briefing materials were taken from a 10/31/2010 [REDACTED] titled "(U) Explosives Discovered in Packages on Cargo Aircraft Bound for the Homeland" and were all unclassified. Other facts were taken from open source media reports about former resident Samir Khan and his alleged ties to AQAP, given his article in AQAP's "Inspire" magazine.

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MEMO copy for [REDACTED]

To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: [REDACTED] 11/02/2010

On 11/02/2010, writer and SOS [REDACTED] traveled to the Jewish Community Center on the campus of Shalom Park, located at 5007 Providence Road, Charlotte, NC, to give the requested briefing. [REDACTED] CMPD [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] also spoke at the briefing.

The audience for the briefing was the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] from the major organizations located on Shalom Park:
[REDACTED] (Temple Beth El)
[REDACTED] (Temple Israel)
[REDACTED] (Levine Jewish Community Center)
[REDACTED] (Jewish Family Services)
[REDACTED] (Jewish Federation)

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Writer and SOS [REDACTED] briefed an overview of the current intelligence situation as it pertains to the explosives found in packages bound for Jewish institutions in Chicago. In addition to the facts from 10/29/2010, the fact that media reported that AQAP is behind these attacks was discussed. Information about AQAP was provided and, finally, information that a former Charlotte resident, Samir Khan, has publicly announced his association with AQAP was highlighted. It was stressed that there is no intelligence that suggests that there is a current threat to the Jewish community in Charlotte, but connections between this recent incident and Charlotte were highlighted.

[REDACTED] briefed safety precautions to take concerning suspicious packages and [REDACTED] briefed the proactive stance and functioning of the Shalom Park Security Council, of which the FBI is a standing/founding member.

To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: [REDACTED] 11/02/2010

Accomplishment Information:

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 10/27/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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From:

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

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Title: (S)

(U) (S) SAMIR KHAN
CT-GLOBAL EXTREMISM INSPIRED

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Synopsis: (S)

Reference: (S)

Derived From : FBI NSISCG-20080301
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To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]
(S) Re: (S) [redacted] 10/27/2010

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(S) FBI [redacted] requests [redacted] [redacted] review the
enclosed request with [redacted] secure CTD Assistant Director
approval and forward the same [redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]
(S) Re: (S) [redacted] 10/27/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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(S) [redacted] is requested to review
the enclosed request with [redacted] secure CTD Assistant Director
approval and forward the same [redacted] (S)

Set Lead 2: (Info)

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AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

(U) For information.

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AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

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Date: 10/27/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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Charlotte

From:

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #:

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SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT-GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]
(S) Re: (S) [redacted] 10/27/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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(U) (S) [redacted] [redacted] read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT AT [redacted] [redacted]

(U) (S) [redacted] Information for Counterterrorism [redacted]
[redacted] Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

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AT [redacted]
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Set Lead 4: (Info)

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(U) For information. Read and clear.

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 11/09/2010

To: [redacted]

Attn: OST, [redacted]

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UC [redacted]
SSA [redacted]

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Attn: [redacted]
[redacted]

Charlotte

Attn: [redacted]
SA [redacted]

From: Counterterrorism [redacted]
[redacted]

Contact: SA [redacted]

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Drafted By: [redacted]

(U) Case ID #: (S) [redacted]
(S) [redacted]

Title: (S) SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN;
(U) CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED
(S) DIGITAL MEDIA EXPLOITATION;
SPECIAL PROJECTS

(U) Synopsis: (S) [redacted]
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Administrative: (S) [redacted]
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To:

From: Counterterrorism

(U) Re: (S) [redacted] 11/09/2010

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Reference (s): (U) [redacted]

(U) Enclosure(s): (S) Copy of digital media.

Details: (U) This communication requests upload of the following [redacted] - a copy of this EC will accompany the listed [redacted]

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(S) (S//X) [redacted] Samir Khan is a 24 year-old, self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi who, from late 2005 until late 2009, administered a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog that gained international attention. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums with similar content, Khan has expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan is the creator of the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as Jihad Recollections. Investigation has shown Khan becoming increasingly religious and radical over time. In addition, investigation has shown that Khan has become a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad. [redacted]

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Individuals close to Khan have expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr and he himself has indicated an interest in becoming a martyr. In October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra. As of January 2010, intelligence suggests that Khan is involved with AQAP and actively planning attacks against the US.

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To: [redacted]

From: Counterterrorism

(U) Re: (S) [redacted] 11/09/2010

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(U) The media and its contents are classified U/FOUO in its entirety.

(U) (S) [redacted] :

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A) [redacted]

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(S) Request to name the media on [redacted]

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(U) [redacted]

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To: [REDACTED]
Re: (S) [REDACTED], 11/09/2010

From: Counterterrorism



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(U) To: [redacted] From: Counterterrorism
Re: (S) [redacted] 11/09/2010

LEAD(s) :

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AT [redacted]

(U) For [redacted]

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Set Lead 2: (Info)

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(U) If there is a change in the status of your investigation that would have an affect on the prioritization of your request, such as court deadlines, dismissal of charges, or guilty pleas; or if you have questions regarding the status of your case, contact Request Coordinator [redacted]

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[redacted] (CE) (FBI)

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 12:43 PM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: FW: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation - Part 2

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[redacted] - please see the below ideas/suggestions (in bold) from the team. I hope we (you and the team) can discuss these soon so we can know which of the below, if any, to pursue.
These are in addition to the [redacted]
[redacted]

Thank you.

SA [redacted]
FBI Charlotte [redacted]
[redacted]

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 9:01 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation - Part 2

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I agree

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:54 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation - Part 2

Same here

From: [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2010 8:51 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: RE: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation - Part 2

Looks good to me

From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 4:42 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation - Part 2

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Ok Team, below is the updated version, modified as per our discussion. Remember, these are general in nature. Details can be provided/worked out once approval to move forward on them is obtained. I believe they are in order of easiest to hardest.

LET ME KNOW IF YOU APPROVE OF THIS OR IF YOU HAVE ANY EDITS.

1. Inquire if a reward for Khan (and Aulaqi) exists [REDACTED]

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Unlikely To Happen - But Can Happen If Opportunity Arises Or If AUSA Initiates Contact With [REDACTED]

7. [REDACTED]

Thanks- [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (CE) (FBI)

Sent: Monday, November 08, 2010 4:10 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: proactive ideas/suggestions: Samir Khan investigation

Below are ideas that have been thrown our way or that we, ourselves, have come up with. I want to present some or all to management so we can move forward with something proactive vs.

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being reactive all the time. Obviously it will take significant coordination to do any of these. As always, please provide me your input, additional ideas, suggestions, edits, etc. I think I have the below ranked from easiest/most-likely-to-be-approved to toughest/most-likely-to-be-laughed-at.

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[REDACTED] (CE) (FBI)

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 6:44 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: AD Tasking re Samir Khan

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The AD was asking about the feasibility of [REDACTED] Obviously, we
could have some [REDACTED]

Just speaking off the top and I may be in left field, but I wonder if we can [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] You all kick it around and let me know
what you think, but understand that the AD was asking about it this morning, along with a few other people from around
the CTD community [REDACTED]

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SSA [REDACTED]
CTD [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 2:21 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: AD Tasking re Samir Khan

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[REDACTED]
Reach out to CE and see what our options are for obtaining Khan's prints. Do we have [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

UC Earl D. Camp
CTD [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Office [REDACTED]
Blackberry [REDACTED]
NSTS [REDACTED]
Pager [REDACTED]
Unclass [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 1:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: AD Tasking re Samir Khan

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FYI

SSA [redacted]
CTD [redacted]

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[redacted] (Commercial)
[redacted] (Secure)
[redacted] (Blackberry)
[redacted] (pager)

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From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, November 09, 2010 10:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Subject: AD Tasking re Samir Khan

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Hi [redacted]

I have just been informed by UC [redacted] that during the 7:15 a.m., this morning AD McJunkin asked for [redacted]
[redacted] According to UC [redacted] the AD was referring

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/02/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

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From:

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

(U) Case ID #: (S)

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SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

Synopsis:

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To: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

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Re: (S) [redacted]

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(U) (S) Based on these findings, writer believes the video was likely pro-violent jihad vice a video that condemns violent jihad.

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To: [redacted]

From: [redacted]

(U) Re: (S) [redacted]

11/02/2010

LEAD(s):

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COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) (S) [redacted]: Please contact [redacted] as appropriate.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) (S) [redacted]: Read and Clear

Set Lead 3: (Info)

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) (S) [redacted]: Read and Clear

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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 11/04/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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From: Charlotte

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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Synopsis: ~~(S)~~ To cover a lead from

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 11/04/2010

Details: ~~(S)~~//~~(U)~~ [redacted]

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(U) ~~(S)~~ On 10/28/2010, [redacted] and his supervisor's supervisor [redacted] were interviewed by CE. Please see referenced documents, [redacted] and [redacted]. Although initially reluctant to speak to the FBI without a subpoena, [redacted] and [redacted] did ultimately provide some information, some of which was derogatory in nature about Khan.

(U) ~~(S)~~ On 10/28/2010 and 10/29/2010, CE interviewed two individuals who worked with Khan, [redacted] and [redacted]. Please see [redacted] and [redacted]. Some derogatory information on Khan was obtained at that time and it was learned that Khan worked [redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/04/2010

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(S) It is writer's opinion, based on meeting [redacted]
speaking to [redacted], speaking to [redacted] management, and speaking
to those who worked for [redacted], that [redacted] was simply Khan's
[redacted] and has no nefarious association with Khan. CE
[redacted] considers this
lead covered.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 11/04/2010

LEAD(s):

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Set Lead 2: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) For information of [redacted]

Set Lead 3: (Info)

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AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

(U) For information of [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/04/2010

DR. [REDACTED] white male. work telephone number [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] work address [REDACTED] Road, Charlotte, NC,
was telephonically interviewed on November 4, 2010. After being
advised of the identity of the interviewing Agent and the nature of
the interview, DR. [REDACTED] provided the following information:

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DR. [REDACTED] has been with the same medical group for the
past 19 years. His medical group has never obtained biometrics on
patients - no prints, palm scans, not even photographs. DR. [REDACTED]
confirmed that his office did not obtain biometrics from patients
he saw between January 2009 and April 2009.

Investigation on 11/04/2010 at Charlotte, NC (telephonically)

File # [REDACTED] Date dictated 11/04/2010

by SA [REDACTED]

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Date: 11/17/2010

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U)

(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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(U) LATENT PRINTS

Synopsis: (U) Request conduct a latent prints exam for captioned investigation.

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Reference: (U) [redacted]

Administrative: ~~(S)~~/~~(NF)~~ [redacted]

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Package Copy: (U) Being forwarded under separate cover is FBI Charlotte evidence item 1B15.

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Details:

BACKGROUND ON SAMIR KHAN

(S) ~~(S)~~/~~(NF)~~ [redacted] In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from [redacted] in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [redacted] (S)

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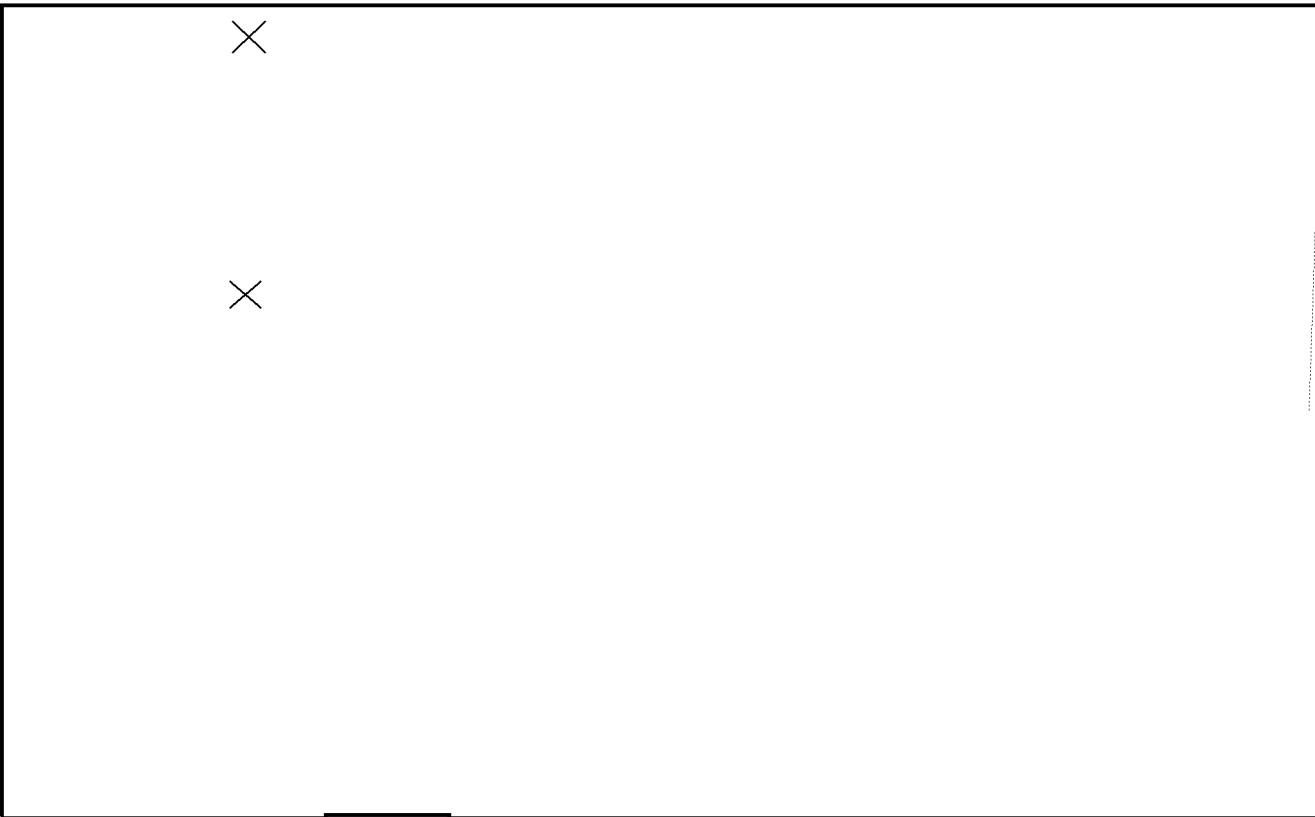
Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections," which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

(U) ~~(S)~~ For further case information, please visit the case sharepoint (on FBI Intranet) at: [redacted]

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[redacted] by AQAP: the August 2009 assassination attempt against
Saudi Prince Muhammad bin Navaf, and the [redacted]

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Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

REQUEST

(U) (S) Writer requests that FBI Charlotte's [redacted]

(U) (S) FBI Charlotte requests that the [redacted]

(U) (S) FBI Charlotte provides the following list of individuals who may have touched 1B15:

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- SSA [redacted]
- SA [redacted]
- SA [redacted]
- IA [redacted]
- SOS [redacted]
- SST [redacted]

(U) (S) FBI Charlotte requests that 1B15 be made a high priority by [redacted]

(U) (S) Although not needed at this time, FBI Charlotte notes that 1B15 contains Khan's handwriting and requests that, if possible, this handwriting be preserved in case it is needed in the future. However, obtaining latent prints is the utmost priority at this time.

(U) The assistance of the FBI [redacted] in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) ~~(S)~~ Writer requests that FBI Charlotte's [redacted]
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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT [redacted]

(U) ~~(S)~~ Writer requests FBI [redacted]
[redacted] as detailed in above
communication, and provide FBI Charlotte with results. For any
questions or clarifications, please contact SA [redacted]
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Set Lead 3: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) For information.

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Precedence: IMMEDIATE

Date: 11/17/2010

To: Charlotte

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From: Charlotte
[REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: (U) [REDACTED]
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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

(U) LATENT PRINTS

Synopsis: (U) To submit a document from 1A34 to be entered into evidence and provide explanation of late submission of evidence.

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Reference: (U) [REDACTED]

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(U) [REDACTED]

Details: ~~(S)~~ [REDACTED]

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~~(S)~~ The current investigative need for latent fingerprints of Khan (see referenced [REDACTED] for details) requires that this [REDACTED] be removed from the 1A envelope, submitted as evidence, and subsequently sent to the FBI Laboratory for latent print processing. Due to the recent realization of the potential evidentiary value [REDACTED] it is being submitted into evidence past the submission guidelines.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 11/15/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn:

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U)
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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

(S) Synopsis: ~~(S//NF)~~ Request authorization for release of
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Samir Khan,

Derived From : FBI NSISCG 20080301
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Details:

SAMIR KHAN CASE OVERVIEW

(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from [redacted] in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [redacted]

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Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections," which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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(S) ~~(S)~~ [redacted] Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

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(U) ~~(S)~~ Because Khan was never arrested while residing in the US, no official record of fingerprints resolving to him exist. CE is currently exhausting every option in an effort to obtain prints for Khan. If successful, these prints can be compared to the aforementioned obtained prints associated with packages sent to Chicago.

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ Finally, as stated above, CE is aware that Khan is involved in ADAP media activities. CE is also aware that the [redacted]
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REQUESTS

(U) ~~(S)~~ CE requests that the appropriate [redacted] [redacted] review any and all associated files in an attempt to ascertain if Khan ever provided prints to any entity (at airport, at medical clinic, etc.) since moving to Yemen in October 2009. If such prints exist, it is requested that they be passed to the USG.

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/15/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

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[redacted] To assist in this investigation,
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CLASSIFIED BY: NSICG [REDACTED]
REASON: 1.4 (C)
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DATE: 02-25-2019

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[REDACTED], date of birth [REDACTED] Social Security Number [REDACTED] was interviewed at his residence, [REDACTED] Charlotte, North Carolina 28262. After being advised of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [REDACTED] made arrangements to meet the interviewing agents at a Wendy's Restaurant located at 10235 University City Drive, Charlotte, North Carolina 28213.

After relocating to the Wendy's Restaurant, [REDACTED] advised the interviewing agents that he was an acquaintance of SAMIR KHAN. [REDACTED] stated that he and SAMIR KHAN both attended the Plaza Mosque and that he had been to SAMIR KHAN'S house for dinner. Special Agent (SA) [REDACTED] stated that for [REDACTED] to have dinner at SAMIR KHAN'S house, the two must be more than just acquaintances. [REDACTED] stated that he has lived in Charlotte since 1982 and is well known within the community. [REDACTED] stated that SAMIR KHAN asked him to write an article about the religious and scientific predictions surrounding 2012. [REDACTED] stated that he wrote the article, however, he stated that he does not know what SAMIR KHAN did with it. [REDACTED] stated that he was aware that SAMIR KHAN maintained a blog and a web site and went on to say that he had heard of Jihad Recollections and Inspire. [REDACTED] stated that he has not read either magazine and was not part of SAMIR KHAN'S clique at the Mosque. [REDACTED] stated that he preferred to mingle and interact with everyone.

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[REDACTED] stated that he has not had contact with SAMIR KHAN since he departed for PAKINSTAN earlier this year. [REDACTED] stated that he has maintained contact with SAMIR KHAN'S [REDACTED] [REDACTED] described [REDACTED] as a young person who repeats much of what other's say to him. [REDACTED] stated that he had counseled [REDACTED] to evaluate what other's say to him and speak his own mind. [REDACTED] stated that he did not feel that [REDACTED] would follow in [REDACTED] explained that SAMIR KHAN is a man of action, while [REDACTED] is a man of words.

SA [REDACTED] questioned whether or not [REDACTED] was familiar with an associate of SAMIR KHAN's named [REDACTED] SA [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is also known by the name [REDACTED] asked SA [REDACTED] if [REDACTED] was a black guy. SA [REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] was in fact a black male and [REDACTED] stated that he was aware of [REDACTED] stated that he and [REDACTED] had been invited to a

Investigation on 7/28/2010 at Charlotte, North Carolina

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by [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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dinner at KHAN'S house the year before and [REDACTED] ended up not attending the meal. [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] is a friend of SAMIR KHAN.

At the conclusion of the interview, [REDACTED] provided SA [REDACTED] with his home telephone number, [REDACTED]

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Subsequent to the interview, [REDACTED] telephonically contacted SA [REDACTED] and advised that he needed to make a correction to his statement. [REDACTED] explained that he had told SA [REDACTED] that he had not read the Charlotte Observer article about SAMIR KHAN. [REDACTED] stated that he had not read the Charlotte Observer article, however, he had read a similar article in the New York Times.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/10/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: [redacted]

SSA [redacted]

Attn: [redacted]

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Intelligence Directorate

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA [redacted]

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
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(U) **Synopsis:** ~~(S)~~ To open [redacted] on captioned matter,
document transmission of [redacted] request [redacted]
[redacted] and cover pending leads.

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Administrative: (U) Captioned investigation was initiated based
upon information obtained from [redacted].
Charlotte considers related leads covered.

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Re: (U) [redacted] /2010

LEAD(s) :

Set Lead 1: (Info)

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(U) [redacted] : To notify of the
initiation of captioned [redacted]

Set Lead 2: (Action)

COUNTERTERRORISM

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(U) [redacted] : Coordinate [redacted] traces as
required based upon information in the Details above.

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Set Lead 3: (Action)

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AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted] : Process the [redacted] which is being
submitted via email to the [redacted] mailbox at [redacted] to add
the subject of this case to the [redacted]
[redacted] and appropriate supported systems.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

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AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted] Read and Clear.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

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(U) [redacted]: Read and Clear.

Set Lead 6: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted]: Read and Clear.

Set Lead 7: (Info)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted]: Read and Clear.

Set Lead 8: (Info)

INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE

AT [redacted]

(U) [redacted]: Read and Clear.

Set Lead 9: (Info)

INTELLIGENCE DIRECTORATE

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(U) [redacted] Read and Clear.

Set Lead 10: (Info)

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) [redacted]: Read and Clear.

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Samir Khan;
IT - Al-Qaida-Core;

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Synopsis: Report information received from [redacted]
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[redacted] "Inspire" is an Islamic Extremist
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[redacted] and Anwar Al-Awlaki, both of whom are American citizens who are currently believed to be hiding in Yemen.

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SUBJECT: ~~SA~~ [REDACTED] (S)

(U) ~~(S//NF)~~ SAMIR KHAN IS A 24 YEAR OLD, SELF-PROCLAIMED SALAFI-JIHADI WHO, UNTIL 2009, ADMINISTERED A FUNDAMENTALIST ISLAMIC, PRO-JIHAD, ONLINE BLOG THAT GAINED INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION. ON HIS ONLINE BLOG, AS WELL AS ON SEVERAL OTHER ONLINE FORUMS WITH SIMILAR CONTENT, KHAN HAS EXPRESSED A RADICAL ISLAMIC WORLDVIEW. KHAN IS THE CREATOR OF THE FIRST US-BASED, ENGLISH LANGUAGE, PRO-JIHAD MAGAZINE, KNOWN AS JIHAD RECOLLECTIONS. INVESTIGATION HAS SHOWN KHAN BECOMING INCREASINGLY RELIGIOUS AND RADICAL OVER TIME. INDIVIDUALS CLOSE TO KHAN HAVE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT KHAN MAY BECOME A MARTYR AND HE HIMSELF HAS INDICATED AN INTEREST IN BECOMING A MARTYR. IN OCTOBER 2009, KHAN TRAVELED TO YEMEN. AS OF JANUARY 2010, INTELLIGENCE SUGGESTS THAT KHAN IS INVOLVED WITH AQAP AND ACTIVELY PLANNING ATTACKS AGAINST THE US.

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CONTAINS ADVICE ON MAKING A BOMB AND PREPARING FOR JIHAD AND, ACCORDING TO INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, KHAN WAS DETERMINED TO BE A MAJOR CONTRIBUTOR TO THE PUBLICATION. IN OCTOBER 2010, AQAP RELEASED THEIR SECOND ISSUE OF "INSPIRE." IN THIS ISSUE, WHICH ENCOURAGES JIHAD AND GIVES ADVICE ON HOW TO CONDUCT JIHAD, KHAN OPENLY WRITES AN ARTICLE ENTITLED, "I AM PROUD TO BE A TRAITOR TO AMERICA." WITHIN THIS ARTICLE, KHAN ACCENTUATES HIS AND "THE MUJAHIDIN OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA'S" OATH OF ALLEGIANCE TO USAMA BIN LADIN AND STATES, "...WE PLEDGE TO WAGE JIHAD FOR THE REST OF OUR LIVES..."

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On 11/09/10, [redacted] was interviewed in the [redacted]

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[redacted] Present for the interview were SA [redacted] SA [redacted] and a translator. [redacted] is fluent in English and the interrogator was present for the benefit of [redacted]. After being informed of the identity of the interviewing agent, [redacted] provided the following information:

[redacted] first met Samir Khan when Khan [redacted] Khan was introduced by an acquaintance named [redacted] and Samir Khan were friends from the internet. During [redacted] which Khan [redacted] they became close. After [redacted], Khan traveled to stay with Anwar Aulaqi. [redacted] stated that Anwar Aulaqi is a Muslim cleric and former Imam in the United States. [redacted] was familiar with Aulaqi from numerous lectures which Aulaqi has placed on the internet. [redacted] was familiar via the internet with stories about Aulaqi being involved with al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula (AQAP) and terrorism. [redacted] opined that Aulaqi's lectures were very good and did not discuss terrorism. However, since Aulaqi's time in Yemen, [redacted] stated that Aulaqi has changed.

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During the time that Khan [redacted] they became good friends. Khan shared many personal things with [redacted] during discussions to include Khan's hopes for marriage. Khan stated that he was interested to meet with Anwar Aulaqi and he [redacted] Aulaqi. Khan and Aulaqi were old friends and knew each other previously.

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[redacted] had contacted Aulaqi himself via the internet [redacted] Samir Khan [redacted] Anwar Aulaqi. Khan gave [redacted] Khan and Aulaqi. [redacted]

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[redacted] admitted that he felt odd [redacted] Khan and Aulaqi. Khan told him [redacted] because Aulaqi was a [redacted] wanted person.

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_____ Khan and Aulaqi. Khan _____

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_____ was also in communication with a person who he referred to as _____ Anwar Aulaqi.

_____ Aulaqi.

_____ Aulaqi using the _____

_____ Samir

Khan.

_____ stated that Samir Khan wanted to stay with Anwar Aulaqi in order to live a more religious life. _____ opined that Khan agreed with the idea of suicide bombings. Khan and _____ had debated the subject of suicide bombing during _____. Khan never mentioned any specifics about this subject to include who might be the target of a potential attack. Anwar Aulaqi never mentioned suicide bombing in any of his lectures, according to _____

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_____ stated that _____ Aulaqi _____ Aulaqi by the aforementioned _____ could not recall _____

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_____ Aulaqi.

_____ never had any discussions during this time period about a plot to send a bomb to the United States. _____ never heard of any discussion to use Federal Express (FedEx) or the United Parcel Service (UPS) to send packages with explosives.

_____ was presented with a number of photographs for identification (Photographs numbered 1-8). _____ did not recognize the first two individuals. _____ did not recognize the third individual but commented that the individual appeared to be Pakistani. _____ was shown photographs of the UPS and FedEx stores in Sanaa neither of which he recognized. _____ has never used a courier service. _____ has never heard of any of his associates using courier services.

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[redacted] was not aware that [redacted] was tasked to research airport security by Anwar Aulaqi. [redacted] had not been asked by Anwar Aulaqi to research airport security. [redacted] never purchased any printers or printer parts while in Yemen. [redacted] never purchased any bomb making equipment or material while in Yemen. [redacted] was not familiar with PETN.

[redacted] was familiar with a school named the Yemen American Language Institute (YALI) but did not know anyone affiliated with this school. [redacted] identified an individual named [redacted] who is a [redacted] has [redacted] email address in his email inbox. [redacted] lives outside of Dhaka, Bangladesh and has been a family friend for two or three years.

[redacted] was also familiar with a individual named [redacted] through an associate named [redacted]. [redacted] JMT. [redacted] stated that JMT is not an outlawed group but it was no longer working. [redacted] has met with [redacted] on three of four occasions.

[redacted] has never heard of an individual named [redacted]. Likewise [redacted] has never heard of an individual named [redacted].

While [redacted] was in Yemen, he had discussions with several people about coming to join him in Yemen. These individuals included his [redacted] and [redacted] as well as a [redacted] named [redacted] discussed with his [redacted] about moving to Yemen in order to [redacted] was questioned about [redacted] Dhaka, Bangladesh.

[redacted] could not recall the names of any of the Arabic teachers at the school. [redacted] was familiar with [redacted] of the school but [redacted] had never met this individual's husband.

[redacted] was helped when first moving to Yemen by a person named [redacted] [redacted] has known [redacted] for about 3-4 years. They knew each other because they had [redacted]

[redacted] was questioned about the reason he [redacted] Anwar Aulaqi. [redacted] stated that [redacted] was not able to explain the reason why Aulaqi had asked [redacted] to research airport security. [redacted] stated

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[redacted] Aulagi [redacted]
[redacted] Samir Khan. [redacted]
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[redacted] Aulagi [redacted]
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Later, [redacted] Aulagi [redacted]

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[redacted] was questioned about the exact
content of other [redacted] Aulagi and
Samir Khan. [redacted] stated that he told all that he knows and that
he has stated only the truth. When pressed further, [redacted] stated
that this was all that he had to say on the subject.

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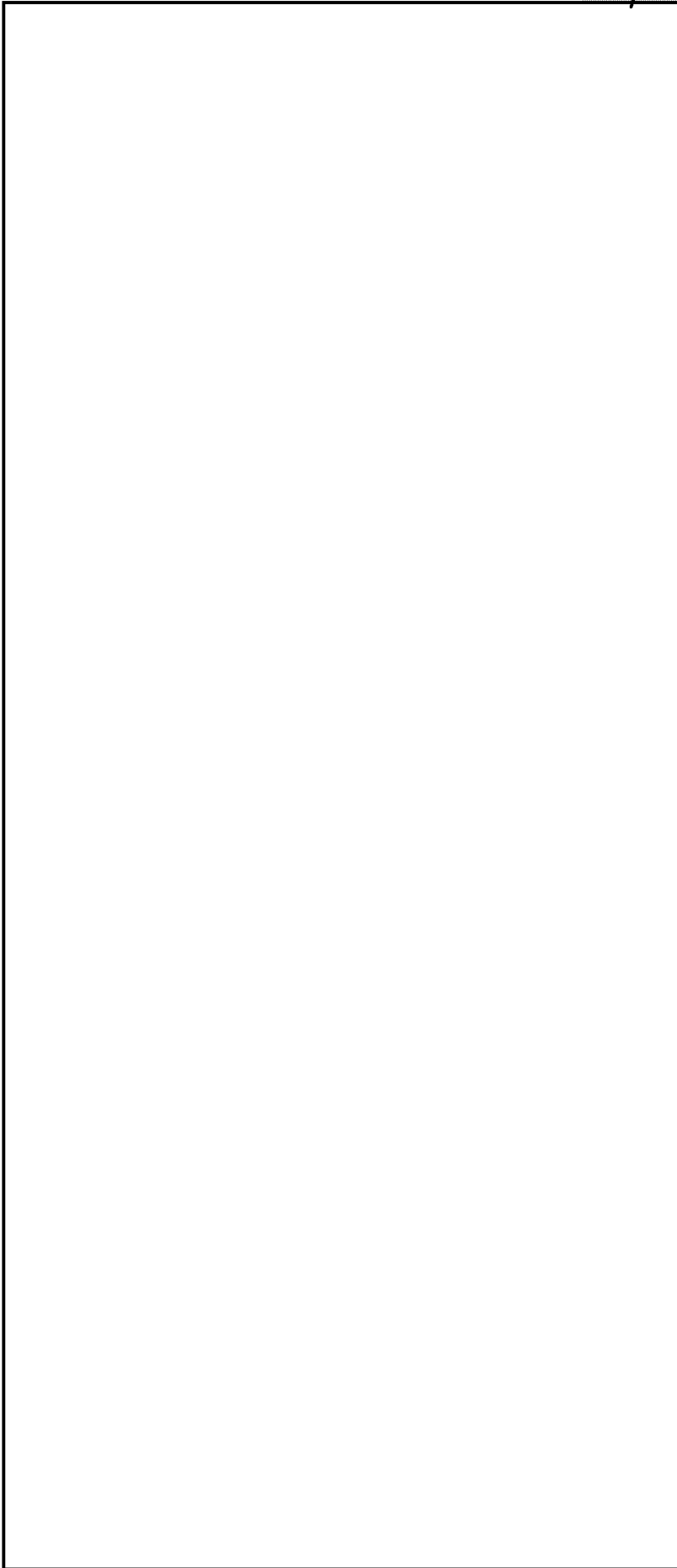
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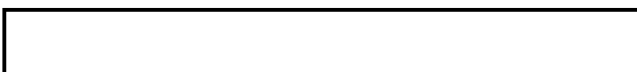
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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/17/2010

To: [redacted]

Charlotte

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Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
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Attn: LEGAT [redacted]
ALAT [redacted]
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Contact: SA [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

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(U) (S) SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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Synopsis: (U) [redacted] interview results

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Reference: (U)
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Details: (U) The information below is based on interviews of [redacted] subject [redacted], who is currently in custody and has been charged with providing material support to al-Shabaab. The interviews took place on 21 October 2010 and 28 October 2010. [redacted] has mentioned numerous individuals of interest to the FBI.

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(U) Per [redacted]

[redacted] are associates of [redacted] who currently reside in [redacted] [redacted] stated that [redacted] has been talking to someone in [redacted] advised [redacted] that Yemen is one of the easiest places to travel to. [redacted] lived in [redacted] before moving to [redacted]

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To: [redacted] From: [redacted]
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

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(U) [redacted] identified [redacted] from [redacted] who

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(U) [redacted] mentioned that [redacted] named [redacted] had linked her website, [redacted] to [redacted]'s web page.

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Charlotte:

(U) [redacted] stated that the website "Thabaat" was created or contributed to by SAMIR KHAN before he left the US. [redacted] noted that the [redacted] typically listed on [redacted] was not him [redacted]. The websites "Thabaat" and "Ansar" were merged after SAMIR KHAN's departure.

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[redacted]
(U) [redacted] noted [redacted] may be in [redacted] [redacted] and has been in communication with [redacted] [redacted] via Skype. [redacted] mentioned [redacted] [redacted] thought to be in [redacted] by name in a conversation with [redacted] via Skype [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] was in e-mail and telephonic contact with an individual in [redacted] identified as [redacted] who is affiliated with [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] noted that [redacted] in [redacted] is a [redacted] who goes by the name [redacted]

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[redacted]
(U) See above regarding [redacted] who may be in [redacted]

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To: [redacted] From: [redacted]
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

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(U) [redacted] further described [redacted]
as being [redacted] years old, [redacted] and [redacted]
[redacted] believes she traveled to [redacted]
after the conflict began, but is not sure if she traveled alone.

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(U) [redacted] stated that [redacted]
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(U) [redacted] said [redacted]
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(U) According to [redacted]
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[redacted] spent time doing damage control after [redacted]
[redacted]

(U) [redacted] insinuated through his
postings that [redacted]

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[redacted]
(U) During his visit to see [redacted] (see
referenced serial xx), [redacted] met [redacted]
[redacted] believed
that [redacted] wanted to go to [redacted] and was about
[redacted] years old. [redacted] thinks [redacted] may
have been recently murdered as part of a robbery.

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(U) [redacted] mentioned a [redacted] male who did most of the
talking for the group of men he met with in [redacted]
thought the man is [redacted] possibly in
[redacted] and will eventually return to [redacted]
believes the man may try to fight once he returns to [redacted]

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(U) [redacted] described the host of the meeting in [redacted] as a
skinny male who is not a jihadi.

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[redacted]
(U) [redacted] said that all of the men in the group he met with in
[redacted] knew a [redacted] The group called

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To: [redacted] From: [redacted]
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 2: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 3: (Info)

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 5: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 6: (Info)

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To: [redacted] From: [redacted]
Re: (U) [redacted] 11/17/2010

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 7: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 8: (Info)

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Set Lead 9: (Info)

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(U) Read and clear.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 11/23/2010

To: ✓ Charlotte

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Contact: IOA [REDACTED]

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Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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CT-GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

Synopsis: (S) [REDACTED] (S)

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Re: (U) [redacted] 11/23/2010

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(U) Leads 3 and 4 in [redacted] considered covered by
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To: Charlotte From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED] 11/23/2010

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Accomplishment Information:

Number: 2
Type: [REDACTED] (S)
ITU: [REDACTED]
Claimed By:
SSN: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Squad [REDACTED]

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To: Charlotte From: [REDACTED]
Re: (U) [REDACTED], 11/23/2010

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AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

(U) For information only.

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/01/2010

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: SSA [REDACTED]

SOS [REDACTED]

Attn: SA [REDACTED]

Charlotte [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

Case ID #: (S) [REDACTED] (S)

Title: (S) [REDACTED] (S)

Synopsis: (S//OC/NF) [REDACTED] (S)

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(S) Reference: (S) [REDACTED]

(S) [REDACTED] (S//OC/NF) [REDACTED] (S)

Administrative: (U) The below described information was immediately forwarded to CTD via classified email.

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On 11/23/2010, writer interviewed CONVERGYS [REDACTED] at CONVERGYS, 8600 McAlpine Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211, 704/367-3324, regarding SAMIR KHAN. [REDACTED] stated that although he had no personal interactions with KHAN, he was aware of recent news regarding KHAN and that KHAN had been employed by CONVERGYS for a brief time several years ago.

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For general background on KHAN's position as a call center associate, [REDACTED] stated that KHAN would have been responsible for assisting Comcast Cable customers troubleshoot a variety of problems associated with their internet service. Before actually fielding calls from the public, however, KHAN would have been first required to attend a two-week block of training. Once he had completed this training, KHAN would have begun to take calls from the public under the supervision of another CONVERGYS employee.

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With respect to the training KHAN would have received during his two-week block of instruction, [REDACTED] stated that KHAN would have been given a broad overview of the internet in addition to information regarding the Comcast products for which he was troubleshooting and lessons in interacting with the public. [REDACTED] further stated that this two-week block of instruction would not have provided KHAN with any technical or advanced information on topics such as security countermeasures or disguising internet use but did include some information on wireless routers and basic instruction on router encryption settings.

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With respect to current CONVERGYS employees who might have interacted with Khan during his brief employment, [REDACTED] stated that CONVERGYS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] would be the best source for such information. [REDACTED] explained that although [REDACTED] was now employed at CONVERGYS' other Charlotte location, 10101 Claude Freeman Drive, Charlotte, NC 28262, [REDACTED] was the [REDACTED] at the McAlpine site during KHAN's tenure and therefore was familiar with KHAN and the circumstances surrounding his dismissal.

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Continuing on 11/23/2010, [REDACTED] introduced writer to CONVERGYS [REDACTED] [REDACTED] for information on CONVERGYS' general hiring practices. [REDACTED] stated that she was

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[REDACTED] also not personally acquainted with KHAN but could answer questions regarding CONVERGYS' hiring practices and employee files. [REDACTED] stated that CONVERGYS screens applicants and employees for illegal drugs but does not fingerprint applicants or employees. With respect to KHAN's drug test, [REDACTED] stated that she had no direct knowledge of the results of KHAN's drug test but was confident that he would not have been hired if he had failed the test. With respect to KHAN's employee personnel file, [REDACTED] stated that she was not familiar with the contents of KHAN's employee file but expected that it would be maintained at the CONVERGYS McAlpine location. [REDACTED] stated that this file should contain KHAN's employment application and related documents and any disciplinary actions taken against KHAN.

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Writer then asked [REDACTED] what legal process CONVERGYS would require of the FBI in order to examine or obtain copies of KHAN's personnel file. [REDACTED] stated that she did not know the answer and requested that writer wait while she contacted the CONVERGYS Legal Department.

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This same date, [REDACTED] stated that CONVERGYS Legal Department had given her permission to share the contents of KHAN's personnel file with the FBI without any kind of legal process. Based upon this representation, writer inquired if [REDACTED] would be willing to provide the FBI with the original copies of the contents of KHAN's employee file. [REDACTED] stated that she saw no problem with this request as long as she could make copies of the documents to keep in KHAN's employee file. Writer then explained to [REDACTED] the possible need to examine the documents at a later date for latent fingerprints and requested that the original documents be handled only with gloves during the copying process. [REDACTED] stated that she understood the need to handle the documents with care and promised to make the copies herself while wearing gloves. When asked who might have handled the documents in KHAN's file besides KHAN, [REDACTED] stated that there was no way to identify which CONVERGYS staff might have handled the documents during KHAN's hiring process and the subsequent filing process. As for when writer might be able to obtain the documents, [REDACTED] advised that she might be able to surrender the original documents to writer this same date depending upon the size of KHAN's file.

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Continuing on 11/23/2010, writer and [REDACTED] located KHAN's personnel file at the CONVERGYS McAlpine site. When [REDACTED] saw that KHAN's personnel file contained relatively few documents, [REDACTED] stated that she could make copies of the documents

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immediately and give the originals to writer before he left. Writer and then attempted to locate a pair of rubber gloves with which to handle the documents in KHAN's file during the copying process. When this proved unsuccessful, writer requested that he be allowed to handle the documents since the FBI already had his fingerprints for purposes of elimination on other evidence seized in this case. Writer then made one copy of the documents in KHAN's personnel file for placement back into the CONVERGYS' file and maintained possession of the originals.

On this same date, writer made another copy of KHAN's CONVERGYS employee personnel file for Case Agent work file. **[Agent note:** A copy of these documents is attached to this 302 for inclusion in the case file.]. Writer then entered the original documents from KHAN's CONVERGYS employee personnel file into evidence in case under evidence control number 1B 16, Barcode E4278949.

Candidate's Name: Samir Khan

Req#: 10103

Rehire: Y or (N)

Appointment Dates

Date Interviewed 5/21/08

Date Pended or Disqualified (circle one) _____

Date Extended Job Offer 5/21/08

Date New Hire Paperwork Completed 5/21/08

Date Background Ordered 5/21/08

Date Background Results Received (accept or remove) 5/23/08

Date and Shift (AM or PM) of Training Class 6/10/08
(Circle One)

Playbook Information

Scores:
Typing / WPM 69 *ave 113/1pm in* Accuracy 3 Technical Assessment 22

Education: (circle one)
HS/GED Some College Undergraduate or Graduate degree

Experience: (circle one)
New to Call Cntr New to Wkforce Prev Call Cntr Exp Mgmt Exp.

Special Comments: (Ex: Approved PTO/Schedule Request/Accommodations)

→ Need ID for List C *Completed 5/23/08 to Psoft 5/23/08*
NA

CONVERGYS

Outlook

Date: May 21, 2008

Dear Samir Khan

I am pleased to extend to you this offer of employment with Convergys Corporation as a **Customer Service Representative II** earning \$ 10.00 per hour supporting the **Comcast for High-Speed Internet** department.

You will be eligible to participate in the benefit plans commensurate with you position, which include medical, vision and dental coverage, life insurance, pension plan, 401k, and tuition reimbursement.

KEY POINTS REGARDING YOUR EMPLOYMENT OFFER WITH CONVERGYS CORPORATION:

- | | <u>Initial</u> |
|--|----------------|
| 1. Training includes 10 days in class and 5 days of transition beginning on

<u>June 10, 2008.</u> | <u>S.K.</u> |
| 2. Training schedule:
• Days of the week 6/10/08 – 6/23/08
• Hours Monday – Friday
3:00pm – 10:30pm | <u>SK</u> |
| 3. Transition schedule:
• Days of the week 6/24/08 – 6/30/08
• Hours Monday – Friday
3:00pm – 11:30pm | <u>SK</u> |
| 4. Production Starting Hours: Between 12:45pm – 3:30pm, including evenings & weekends
• Start time will most likely be at 3:00pm or 3:30pm | <u>SK</u> |
| 5. To ensure that employees are adequately trained to perform their essential job functions, every day attendance in training is mandatory. | <u>SK</u> |
| 6. Work Schedule:
• We will make every effort to provide you your specific schedule as early as practically possible and at the latest, prior to the end of your transition period.

• By accepting this employment offer, you are acknowledging your availability to work: | <u>SK</u> |
| 1. Hours of Operation: 7am – 12midnight | <u>SK</u> |
| 2. Days of Operation: Sunday - Saturday | <u>SK</u> |
| 3. Evenings and Weekends | <u>SK</u> |

This employment offer and continued employment are contingent based upon the qualified results of your background check. By your acceptance, you acknowledge that your employment is "at will" and that this document does not imply a contractual agreement of any kind.

We look forward to you joining the Convergys team. Please indicate your acceptance of these terms by signing below.

[Redacted Signature Box]

Human Resources

[Redacted Signature Box]

Signature

5/21/2008
Date

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New Hire Checklist

Name Samir Khan Date: 5/21/08

Referring Source: Charlotte Observer

Start Date: 6/10/08 Training: AM or PM

☒ Basic Skills Test

☐ HireRight pulled and entered

☒ PeopleSoft entered Employee ID: 100338211
246057

☐ Direct Deposit sent or Direct Deposit Day 1 (circle correct one)

☒ 8850 and Net Profit pulled and mailed

☐ I-9 completed and filed separately

☐ I-9 to be completed day 1 Need USC ID

☐ Files separated into Personal and Employee files

☐ Identified for Management position Position Title: _____

Notes:
Emeg/Tax by [redacted] 6-2-08

☐ Offer Rescinded/ Offer Declined

DISCLOSURE AND CONSENT CONCERNING CONSUMER AND INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORTS

This form, which you should read carefully, has been provided to you because Convergys Corp. may request Consumer Reports and/or Investigative Consumer Reports from a consumer reporting agency. The Company will use any such report(s) solely for employment-related purposes.

Consumer Reports or Investigative Consumer Reports will be obtained from HireRight, Inc., ("HireRight") located at 2100 Main Street, Suite 400, Irvine, CA 92614. They can be contacted at 800-400-2761. Any such reports may contain information bearing on your character, general reputation, personal characteristics, mode of living and credit standing. The types of information that may be obtained include, but are not limited to: credit reports, social security number, criminal records checks, public court records checks, including civil, driving records, educational records, verification of employment positions held, workers compensation records, personal and professional references, licensing, certification, etc. The information contained in these reports may be obtained by HireRight from private or public record sources including sources identified by you in your job application or through interviews or correspondence with your past or present coworkers, neighbors, friends, associates, current or former employers, educational institutions or other acquaintances.

For California residents, under section 1786.22 of the California Civil Code, you may view the file maintained on you by HireRight. You may also obtain a copy of this file, upon submitting proper identification and paying the costs of duplication services, by appearing at HireRight's offices in person, during normal business hours and on reasonable notice, or by mail; you may also receive a summary of the file by telephone. HireRight has trained personnel available to explain your file to you, including any coded information. If you appear in person, you may be accompanied by one other person, provided that person furnishes proper identification.

You are being given a copy of the "Summary of Your Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act" prepared pursuant to 15 U.S.C. section 1681(g)(c). You have the right to request additional disclosures of the nature and scope of the investigation and a statement of your rights by contacting HireRight.

CONSENT

I have carefully read and understand this Disclosure and Consent form and, by my signature below, consent to the release of consumer and/or investigative consumer reports, as defined above, to the Company and/or its client (s) in conjunction with matters pertaining to my employment. I further understand that any and all information contained in my job application or otherwise disclosed to the Company by me before, during or after my employment, if any, may be utilized for the purpose of obtaining the consumer reports or investigative consumer reports requested by the Company. I understand that if the Company hires me, it may request a consumer report and/or an investigative consumer report about me, as defined above, for employment-related purposes during the course of my employment. I understand that my consent will apply throughout my employment, to the extent permitted by law, unless I revoke or cancel my consent by sending a signed letter or statement to the Company at any time. This Disclosure and Consent form, in original, faxed, photocopied or electronic form, will be valid for any reports that may be requested by the Company.

Applicant Last Name Khan First Samir Middle Zafar
Social Security # 091-80-3487 Date of Birth (for ID purposes only) 12/25/1985
Present Address 11231 Tradition View Dr.
City/State/Zip Charlotte/NC/28269
Applicant Signature [Signature]

CALIFORNIA, MINNESOTA AND OKLAHOMA APPLICANTS ONLY:

☐ I wish to receive a free copy of any Consumer Report and/or Investigative Consumer Report on me that is requested.

WJ-05218THN

SECURITY BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION

(Please Print)

Name: Khan Samir Zafar Date of Birth: 12/25/1985
 Last First Middle

List any other names by which you have been known (e.g., maiden name, nickname, initials, etc.)

Address: 11231 Tradition View Dr. Charlotte Mecklenburg NC 28269
 Number Street City County State Zip

Social Security Number: 091-80-3487 Home Telephone Number (704) 510-0656 Sex M

Drivers License #: 25188757

Are you currently charged with or have you ever been convicted or found guilty of violating any federal, state, or municipal law other than a minor traffic offense (**DUI IS NOT A MINOR TRAFFIC OFFENSE**) or have you been the subject of an administrative proceeding before a state or federal administrative body involving dishonesty, fraud or theft?

In answering these questions, you are to list all matters regardless of pre-trial intervention; whether adjudication was withheld or nolo contendere plea entered; any statute, court order or legal proceedings purporting to expunge, vacate or set aside any such conviction; and regardless of any statute, court order or legal proceeding purporting to authorize you to deny the existence of such matters.

() YES

(X) NO

How long have you lived in the State of NC, 4 years?

If less than 5 years:

give previous address: 1916 Plymouth Dr. Charlotte Nassau NY 11590
 Number Street City County State Zip

Have you ever worked for CONVERGYS ? () YES (X) NO

if yes, as a () regular worker, () agency worker, or () contract worker.

Do any members of your family presently work at CONVERGYS ? () YES (X) NO

If yes, who? _____

I have read and understand the above. I also understand that any omission or misrepresentation on my part regarding any of the information sought by this form will be justification for termination of my assignment as a regular worker, agency worker, or contract worker at CONVERGYS. In addition, I understand that my assignment at CONVERGYS is contingent upon my meeting bonding criteria.

Print Name: Samir Khan Signature: Samir Khan

Designated Witness Signature Date: 5/21/2008

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT

CONVERGYS CORPORATION and its subsidiaries and related entities, including but not limited to Convergys Customer Management Group Inc. and Convergys Information Management Group Inc. and their related entities (collectively, the "Company"), is headquartered in Cincinnati, Ohio. Employees or promoted employees of the Company are being required to sign these agreements ("Agreement") as part of the Company's efforts to protect its property, goodwill, and competitive position. In consideration of employment or promotion by the Company, the employee ("Employee") entering into this Agreement agrees as follows:

1. The Company is engaged in the information management, customer management, employee care, and collection industries within the United States and worldwide. The Company markets its products and services throughout the United States and worldwide.

2. The Company currently has three primary business segments (i) Customer Care, which provides outsourced customer care services, and professional and consulting services to in-house customer care operations; (ii) Information Management, which provides billing and information solutions; and (iii) Employee Care, which provides human resource business process outsourcing (HR BPO) solutions. The Company develops and utilizes technology, models, programs, data, research and development, concepts, goodwill, customer relationships, training, and trade secrets. The success of the Company and each of its employees is directly predicated on the protection of its knowledge and information. Employee acknowledges that in the course of employment with the Company, Employee will be entrusted with, have access to and obtain intimate, detailed, and comprehensive knowledge of confidential and/or proprietary information ("Information"), including information or financial information concerning: (i) the Company's processes, practices, and procedures; (ii) the Company's customers, suppliers, and employees; (iii) the Company's advertising and marketing plans; (iv) the Company's strategies, plans, goals, projections, and objectives; (v) the Company's research and development activities and initiatives; (vi) the strengths and weaknesses of the Company's products or services; (vii) the costs, profit margins, and pricing associated with the Company's products or services; (viii) the Company's sales strategies, including the manner in which it responds to client requests and requests for information or requests for proposals; (ix) the Company's business, including budgets and margin information, and (x) matters considered confidential by the Company, its customers, or suppliers, including information considered confidential by such customers' or suppliers' customers, vendors, or other third-party providers, and any information of a third party that the Company designates as confidential (e.g., third-party information accessed or used by Employee during his/her employment). Employee agrees that the Information is highly valuable and provides a competitive advantage to the Company. Employee further agrees that, given the United States and worldwide markets in which the Company competes, confidentiality of the Information is necessary without regard to any geographic limitation.

3. Both during and after Employee's employment with the Company, Employee agrees to retain the Information in absolute confidence and not to use or permit access to or disclose the Information to any person or organization, except as required for Employee to perform Employee's job with the Company. Upon termination of employment with the Company for any reason, Employee agrees to return to the Company, its successors or assigns all

Information in tangible form, all devices, computer disks or other electronic or magnetic storage media, records, data, proposals, lists, specifications, drawings, sketches, materials, equipment, other documents or property together with all copies (in whatever medium recorded).

4. All ideas, inventions, discoveries, concepts, trademarks and other developments or improvements, whether patentable or not, conceived by Employee, alone or with others, at any time during Employee's employment, whether or not during working hours or on the Company's premises, that are within the scope of or related to the business operations of the Company ("New Developments"), shall be and remain the exclusive property of the Company. Employee shall do all things reasonably necessary to ensure ownership of such New Developments by Company, including the execution of documents assigning and transferring to the Company all of Employee's rights, title and interest in and to such New Developments, and the execution of all documents required to enable the Company to file and obtain patents, trademarks, and copyrights in the United States and foreign countries on any of such New Developments. Employee agrees to make prompt written disclosure to the Company, to hold in trust for the sole right and benefit of the Company, and hereby assigns to the Company all right, title and interest in and to any ideas, inventions, original works of authorship (published or not), developments, improvements or trade secrets that Employee may solely or jointly conceive or reduce to practice, or cause to be conceived or reduced to practice, during employment with the Company. Employee acknowledges that all original works of authorship that are made by Employee (solely or jointly with others) within the scope of Employee's employment and that are protectable by copyright are "works made for hire," as that term is defined in the United States Copyright Act (17 U.S.C., Section 101). Employee agrees to keep and maintain adequate records (in the form of notes, sketches, drawings and in any other form that may be required by the Company) of all New Developments, which records shall be available to and remain the sole property of the Company.

5. Employee agrees not to disparage or act in any manner that may damage the business of the Company or that would adversely affect the goodwill, reputation, and business relationship of the Company with the public generally, or with any of its customers, suppliers or employees. This provision is not intended to prohibit competition not otherwise restricted by this Agreement.

6. Employee will not, directly or indirectly, attempt to or actually induce, persuade, or entice any: (i) Company employee, for a period of one year following Employee's termination or separation (for any reason), to terminate such person's employment relationship with the Company or accept employment with a Competitor; or (ii) current or former Company employee, without limitation, to violate any of such person's non-compete and/or non-solicitation and/or non-disclosure and/or non-disparagement agreement(s) with the Company.

7. During Employee's employment by the Company and for a period of one year following Employee's termination or separation (for any reason), Employee will, before accepting an offer of employment from any person or entity, provide such person or entity a copy of this Agreement.

8. Employee represents that Employee is not bound by any agreement or other duty to a former employer or any other party that would prevent Employee from complying with any obligations hereunder.

9. Employee further agrees and consents that this Agreement and the rights, duties, and obligations contained in it may be and are fully transferable and/or assignable by the Company, and shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Company's successors, transferees, or assigns.

10. Employee further agrees that any breach or threatened breach of this Agreement would result in material damage and immediate and irreparable harm to the Company. Employee therefore agrees that the Company, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to it, shall be entitled to obtain an immediate injunction, whether temporary, preliminary, or permanent, in the event of any such breach or threatened breach by Employee. Employee acknowledges that the prohibitions and obligations contained in this Agreement are reasonable and do not prevent Employee's ability to use Employee's general abilities and skills to obtain gainful employment. Therefore, Employee agrees that Employee will not sustain monetary damages in the event that Company obtains a temporary, preliminary or permanent injunction to enforce this Agreement.

11. Employee understands and acknowledges that the Company is incorporated, has its headquarters, and conducts substantial business and operations in the State of Ohio. Accordingly, Employee agrees that this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Ohio, without giving effect to any conflict of law provisions. Employee further voluntarily consents and agrees that the state or federal courts located in Hamilton County, Ohio: (i) must be utilized solely and exclusively to hear any action arising out of or relating to this Agreement; and (ii) are a proper venue for any such action and can appropriately exercise personal jurisdiction over Employee for any such action.

12. This Agreement supersedes and replaces any prior Non-Disclosure Agreement. To the extent that any portion of this Agreement is deemed unenforceable as to the application to specific facts and circumstances, such portion may, without invalidating the remainder of the Agreement, be modified to the limited extent necessary to cure such enforceability. Where a curing modification would be ineffective, related portions of Employee's prior agreement(s) (in order of recency) will be deemed substituted as to the specific facts and circumstances at issue.

13. This Agreement does not obligate Company to employ Employee for any period of time and Employee's employment is "at will."

EMPLOYEE

Date: 05/21/2008

Samir Khan
Signature

Samir Khan
Type or Print Name

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Security and Badge Acknowledgment

Welcome to Convergys! As the newest member of our growing team, we want to make sure that we provide you with a safe and protected working environment. In accordance with our Convergys employee procedures, we also want to make sure you have a clear understanding of the role that Security personnel has within our location. Please review the following procedures in relation to Security measures taken for your safety and the safety of all Convergys employees:

- In consideration of obtaining a Security Identification card and access into the facility owned by Levine Properties @ 8600 McAlpine Park Drive, Charlotte, NC 28211, I acknowledge that during my employment with Convergys, I will only use that access card released to me to gain entrance into areas of the building to which I am authorized.
- Convergys employees are expected to wear their Convergys issued security badges at all times with a lanyard that is worn around the neck so that badges are visible at all times.
- Convergys employees are expected to swipe their security badge at all entrance doors which include building entrances, production floor entrances, break room facilities, training entrances and Human Resource entrances and all other protected areas, even if a door is open or being held open.
- There is no tolerance for the sharing of security badges. All lost or defective badges must be reported to Security or Human Resources immediately.
- The Human Resources area is locked to all personnel, except for those permitted to the area, between the hours of 6pm and 8am.
- Security is authorized to do random package inspections of any and all employees entering or leaving the building.
- If any Convergys employee is entering or leaving the building with any company property or certain personal property (i.e. laptops, electronic equipment, computer disks, etc.) he/she must notify Security of such property and follow the appropriate procedure regarding the declaration of property.

I have read the above statements and take responsibility for additional Security information that is provided. I further understand that I should not engage in any behavior that will prevent Security personnel from doing their job and any concerns or questions I may have regarding my involvement with any Security personnel should be brought to the attention of a Convergys manager or member of Human Resources.

Samir Khan

(Employee Name)



(Employee Signature)

5/21/08

(Date)

(Badge Access Number)

CONVERGYS CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I certify that I have read and understand the booklet entitled "Our Code of Business Conduct - A Personal Guide," and am familiar with its contents. I agree to abide by the rules and principles set forth in it and understand that breaches of these principles will result in disciplinary action including dismissal.

I further understand this Code of Business Conduct does not, in any way, constitute an employment contract or an assurance of continued employment; and that Convergys may, at any time, modify, amend, terminate, or make exceptions to the provisions of this Code of Business Conduct with or without prior notice.

Samir Khan

Signature of Employee

5/21/2008

Date

Samir Khan

Print Name

I certify that I have discussed the booklet entitled "Our Code of Business Conduct - A Personal Guide" with the above named employee.

Signature of HR Representative

5/21/08

Date

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CONVERGYS CORPORATION POLICIES, PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

For convenience and easy access, Convergys Policies are located on the ConvergysNow Portal. The policies are continuously available to employees to read and review. If I have questions about a Policy or how to access ConvergysNow, I will ask my manager or Human Resources for assistance.

Convergys may also implement rules, practices, guidelines or procedures that are applicable under certain circumstances or to specific project, program or facility.

Convergys intends to apply and enforce such Policies as well as rules, practices, guidelines or procedures currently in effect, but I understand that Convergys may modify or terminate them at any time at the company's discretion. If I work in the United States, I acknowledge that nothing in any of the Policies as well as rules, practices, guidelines or procedures, alters the at-will nature of my employment.

I understand that it is my obligation to become familiar and comply with Policies as well as rules, practices, guidelines or procedures applicable to me, and abide by them during my employment with Convergys. I will periodically review the ConvergysNow Portal to keep abreast of applicable Policies.

I further acknowledge that failure to abide by the Policies as well as rules, practices, guidelines or procedures, can result in my discipline or dismissal.

Samir Khan
Signature of Employee

5/21/2008
Date

Samir Khan
Print Name

June 2004

Convergys New Hire Readiness Checklist

1. **You must arrive between 2:30 and 2:45 pm on 6/10/08 to the front entrance of the building and check in with Security.** Those who have been designated as a back up trainee will wait in the lobby until we can determine if there is an open slot. Those who do not show for the first day of training or arrive after 3:00 pm may be denied employment.
2. Training Hours:
 - a. 06/10/08-06/23/08: 3:00 PM to 10:30 PM, M-F
 - b. 06/24/08-06/30/08: 3:00 PM to 11:30 PM, M-F
 - c. Week of 06/28/08 and on: Production schedules to be published week of 06/22/08. This will be when you start your flexible schedule. Starting time could be as late as 3:30pm.
3. It is highly suggested that you arrive at least 10-15 minutes early every day to Convergys in order to get ready for the day's work, put your lunch in the refrigerator, etc.
4. The closest bus stop is located at the front of the business park. The regular bus is #27 and runs from Uptown Charlotte down Monroe Road. It is about a 2 block walk back to the building.
5. You should park at the front of the building until you receive a temporary training badge. Without a Convergys badge, you will not be allowed in any entrance but the main one.
6. Should you forget/lose your badge (temporary or permanent); please report to the main entrance of the building. You will need to provide a picture id to the security guard to have a temporary badge assigned to you. If you forget or lose your badge there may be a (\$) charge after repeated offenses.
7. You may give the following telephone number to for anyone who should contact you in an **emergency situation only**. Do not give this number for employment verification, to leave non emergency messages, etc. 704.367.3366
8. Our schedules provide a ½ hour lunch break. It is suggested that you bring your lunch with you to ensure an on time return to work from breaks. Refrigerators and microwaves are provided for our employees as well as several vending machines for drinks and snacks.
9. The dress code is modified casual dress. You may wear jeans, t-shirts and sweatshirts however, all clothing must be in good condition, no offensive pictures or words and clothing must be conservative in nature. The policy will be reviewed in depth on the first day of training.
10. It is highly recommended that you layer your clothing as the temperature in the building is very irregular.
11. You should come prepared with writing utensils, something to take notes on and a folder for holding training materials every day. Only spill proof containers will be allowed outside the break room (i.e. screw on top soda containers or a travel mug).
12. Eating food is only permitted in the break room. Hard candy is the only exception.
13. No personal internet usage is allowed in the building at anytime, including breaks. You may not bring any technology that could connect to the Convergys network (no laptops, pda's, etc) into the building at anytime.
14. A professional environment will be maintained at all times, even in break areas. Please no use of foul language, rowdiness, inappropriate discussions, etc, at anytime.

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15. There is a designated smoking area off the break room. Smoking is prohibited in the door ways of the entrances to the building.
16. Personal cell phone use is prohibited except outside the building or in the break room. Convergys has provided phones in the break room area for free local calling.
17. You will be administered assessments of your knowledge throughout the training. You must pass with an overall average of 90%.
18. The training curriculum delivery includes instructor lectures, independent simulations and interactive discussions. It is a tight schedule and can be very intense in the amount of information learned at one time however; our management team is here to ensure your success.
19. You will be provided with your Instructor's voicemail number on your first day of training. If you are going to be late or absent during training, you must call and leave a message one hour before training begins (2:00 pm). Please provide a call back number where you can be reached during your tardy or absence.

Training Attendance Policy for both classroom and transition time: Occurrences will stay on your record after training has concluded.

- 1 absence – written warning
- 2 absences – possible termination
- 1 tardy – verbal warning
- 2 tardies – written warning
- 3 tardies – possible termination
- 1 No Call/No Show – written warning
- 2 No Call/No Show – possible termination

I understand the information above has been provided to me in order to give me a better understanding of what I can expect and what will be expected of me at Convergys. The information above should not be considered a full description of the Convergys policies and procedures I will be required to follow as a condition of my employment. I understand that the information provided to me here may be revised or changed and updates will be provided to me by my manager or HR Representative as soon as possible.



Signature

Samir Khan 5/21/2008

Print Name and Date

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date of transcription 11/23/2010

On 11/23/2010, writer interviewed FIFTH THIRD BANK Customer Service representative [REDACTED] at FIFTH THIRD BANK, 6310 Fairview Road, Charlotte, NC. [REDACTED] stated that FIFTH THIRD BANK does not take fingerprints of customers during the ordinary course of its business with respect to opening accounts or obtaining safe deposit boxes. [REDACTED] stated that the only time that FIFTH THIRD BANK does obtain fingerprints is when a non-account holder is seeking to cash a check. In this scenario, FIFTH THIRD BANK requires the individual presenting the check to provide a fingerprint of his/her right thumb.

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With respect to the original signature card completed by every account holder, [REDACTED] stated that FIFTH THIRD BANK maintains only an image of the signature card. As for the original card, [REDACTED] stated that once an original signature card is signed, the original card is mailed to FIFTH THIRD BANK corporate headquarters for imaging. Once imaged, the original signature card is maintained for only 30 days before being destroyed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/01/2010

To: Charlotte

From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

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SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN;
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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(U) Synopsis: (X) To report surveillance activities conducted and
claim statistical accomplishment.~~Derived From : FBI NSISCG-20080301~~
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Accomplishment Information:

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Type: [redacted]

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SSN: [redacted]

Name: [redacted]

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AT CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA

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Precedence: ROUTINE

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To: Counterterrorism

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/06/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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From: [redacted]

Contact: [redacted]

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(U) (S) SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
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Precedence: PRIORITY

Date: 12/06/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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Attn: SA

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

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To: [redacted] From: Charlotte

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To: [REDACTED] From: Charlotte
(S) Re: (X) [REDACTED] 12/06/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Information)

COUNTERTERRORISM

AT [REDACTED]

(U) [REDACTED]

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Set Lead 2: (Information)

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(U) Read and clear.

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Set Lead 3: (Information)

CHARLOTTE

AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) Read and clear.

Set Lead 4: (Action)

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To: [redacted] From: Charlotte
(S) Re: [redacted] 12/06/2010

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Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/12/2010

To: Counterterrorism
To: Charlotte

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Attn: SA

From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

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Title: (S)

SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT- GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

Synopsis: (S) To document information gained during the
interview of

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~~Derived From : FBI NSISCG-20080301~~
~~Declassify On: 20351212~~

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Reference: (S)

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Details: (U) On 12/07/2010 SA and writer conducted
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(S) Re: (S) [redacted] 12/12/2010

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[redacted] cellular telephone number [redacted] at approximately 10:45am. [redacted] provided the following information:

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(U) [redacted]

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(U) The above information is being provided to the [redacted] in reference to [redacted] No further action upon [redacted] will be taken by Charlotte at this time.

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Re: (S) [REDACTED] 12/12/2010

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Set Lead 1: (Action)

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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AT CHARLOTTE

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

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From: Charlotte

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(U) Title: ~~(S)~~ SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 12/14/2010

Details:

SAMIR KHAN CASE OVERVIEW

(S) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from his parents' home in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [redacted] (S)

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Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as "Jihad Recollections," which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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(S) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] Based on knowledge of Khan's skills, network, and mindset, FBI Charlotte concludes that Khan's roles in AQAP are that of a propagandist, recruiter, operational planner, and potential martyr.

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To: Counterterrorism From: [redacted]
Re: (U) [redacted] 12/14/2010

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To: Counterterrorism From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 12/14/2010

LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Action)

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

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Set Lead 2: (Action)

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Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] (S)

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 12/15/2010

To: Counterterrorism

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From: Charlotte

Contact: SA

Approved By:

Drafted By:

Case ID #: (U) (Pending)

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(U) Title: (S) SAMIR ZAFAR KHAN
CT - GLOBAL EXTREMIST INSPIRED

(U) Synopsis: (S) Request that Samir Khan be placed on the FBI's
Seeking More Information List (SMIL).

(S) Derived From: FBI NSISGC, 20080301
Declassify On: 12/15/2035

Reference: (U)

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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 12/15/2010

Enclosure(s): (U) Enclosed are two (2) printouts of photographs of Samir Khan at his sister's wedding on 07/02/2007, taken by a wedding photographer.

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(U) Details: ~~(S)~~ FBI Charlotte respectfully requests that captioned subject, Samir Khan, be placed on the FBI's Seeking More Information List (SMIL). As per referenced EC, FBI Charlotte provides the following information:

A) Name and Aliases ~~(S)~~ ~~(U)~~ [redacted] (S)
Last name: Khan
First name: Samir
Middle name: Zafar

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B) Date and Place of Birth (U)

DOB: 12/25/1985
POB: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted] 12/15/2010

C) Biographical Information (~~S~~) (U)

Race: W
Sex: M
Languages: English, Arabic, Urdu (speak)
Ht: 5'6"
Wt: 178 pounds
Eyes: Brown
Hair: Brown
ARN: A040061311
SSAN: 091-80-3487
Passport: US, 301708539, expires 5/28/2012
DL: 25188737 (North Carolina)
TIDE #: 14078381
TIDE Person #: 14078383
Citizenship: US

[redacted]
Fingerprints: Not available

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D) Prosecutive Status (U)

A criminal complaint is currently in draft form and is being coordinated with the US Attorneys Office and DOJ-Main. [redacted]

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E) Investigative History/Case Background (~~S~~) (~~NE~~) [redacted] (S)

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In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from his parents' home in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [redacted]

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To: Charlotte From: Charlotte
Re: (U) [redacted], 12/15/2010

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[For further case information, please visit the case sharepoint (on FBI Intranet): [redacted]]

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F) Group Affiliation
AQAP

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H) Dated Photographs
See enclosed two (2) printouts of photographs of Samir Khan at his sister's wedding on 07/02/2007, taken by a wedding photographer.

I) Other Rewards
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Request that Samir Khan be placed on the FBI's Seeking More Information List (SMIL)

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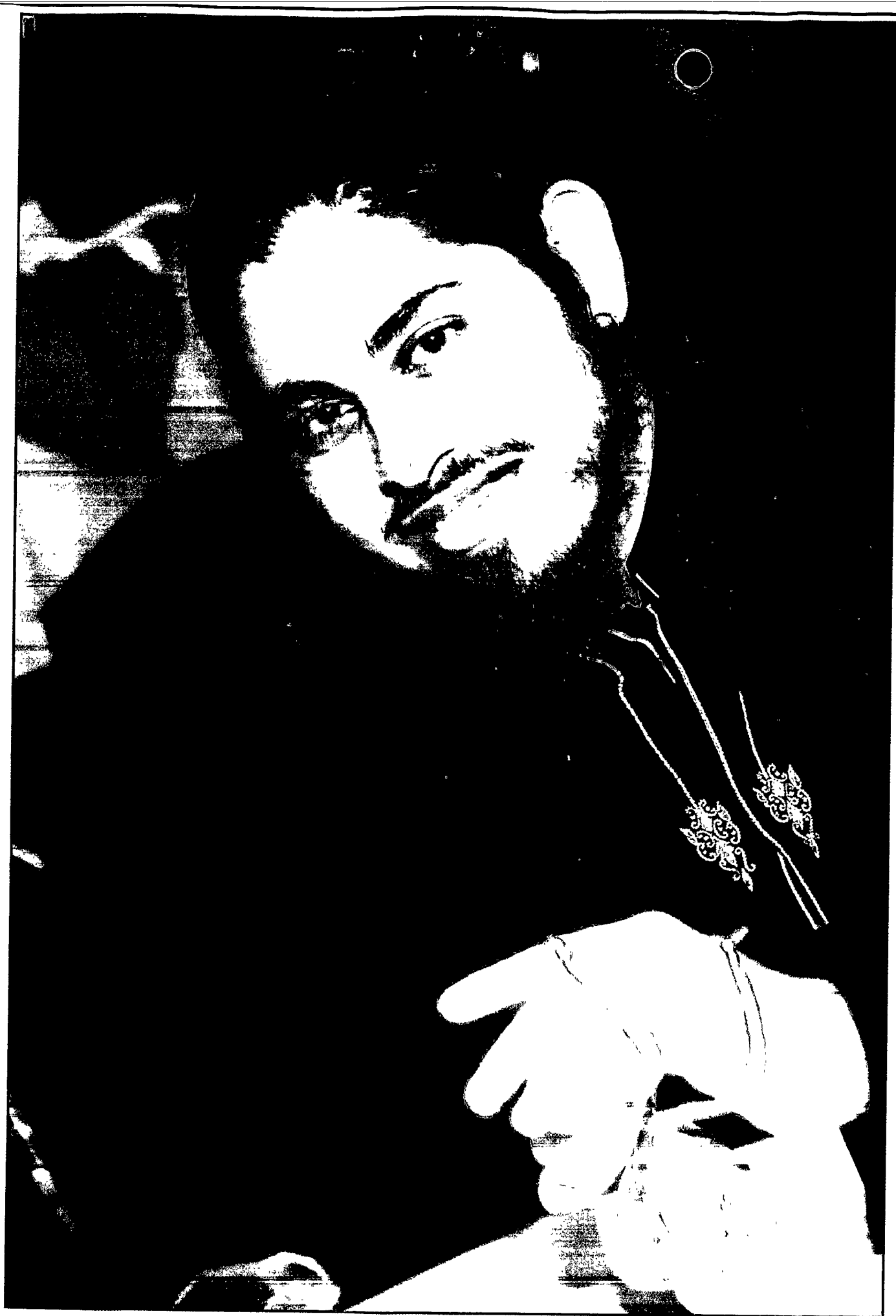
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Synopsis: (S)

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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(S) ~~(S//NF)~~ [redacted] In late 2006, Samir Khan (born in 1985) came to the attention of the FBI for his role in administering a fundamentalist Islamic, pro-jihad, online blog from his parents' home in Charlotte, NC. On his online blog, as well as on several other online forums and Web sites with similar content, Khan expressed a radical Islamic worldview. Khan's online blog, which he operated from 2005 until 2009, gained him international attention in 2007. From early 2007 until late 2009, investigation of Khan revealed that this self-proclaimed Salafi-Jihadi became increasingly religious and radical over time. Major discoveries of the investigation include: [redacted] (S)

Khan became a radicalizing influence on others, possibly motivating/recruiting them for jihad; individuals close to Khan expressed concern that Khan may become a martyr, and he himself indicated an interest in becoming a martyr; Khan created the first US-based, English language, pro-jihad magazine, known as *Jihad Recollections*, which published four issues online and received significant international attention; and in October 2009, Khan traveled to Yemen, apparently to make hijra.

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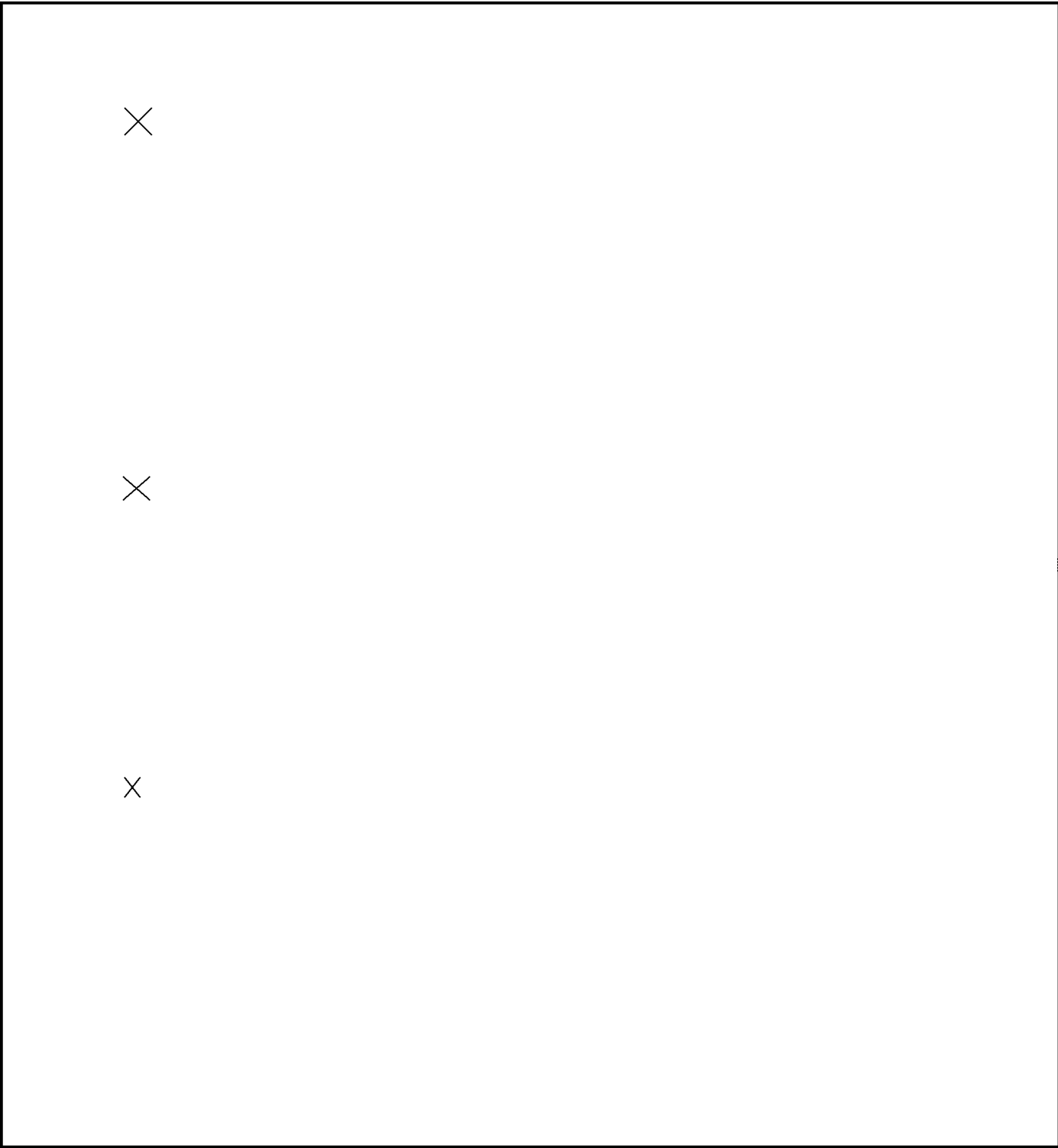
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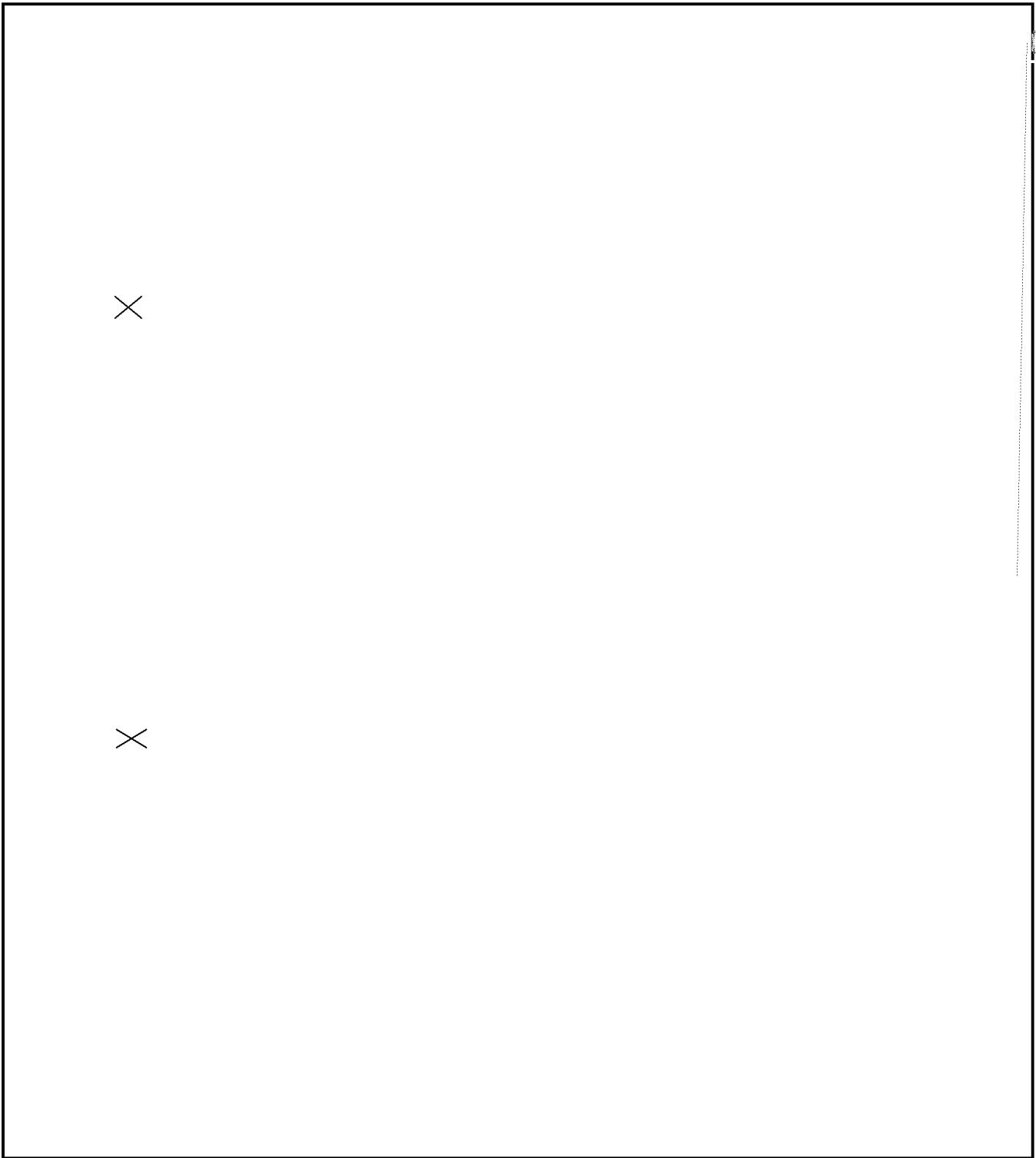
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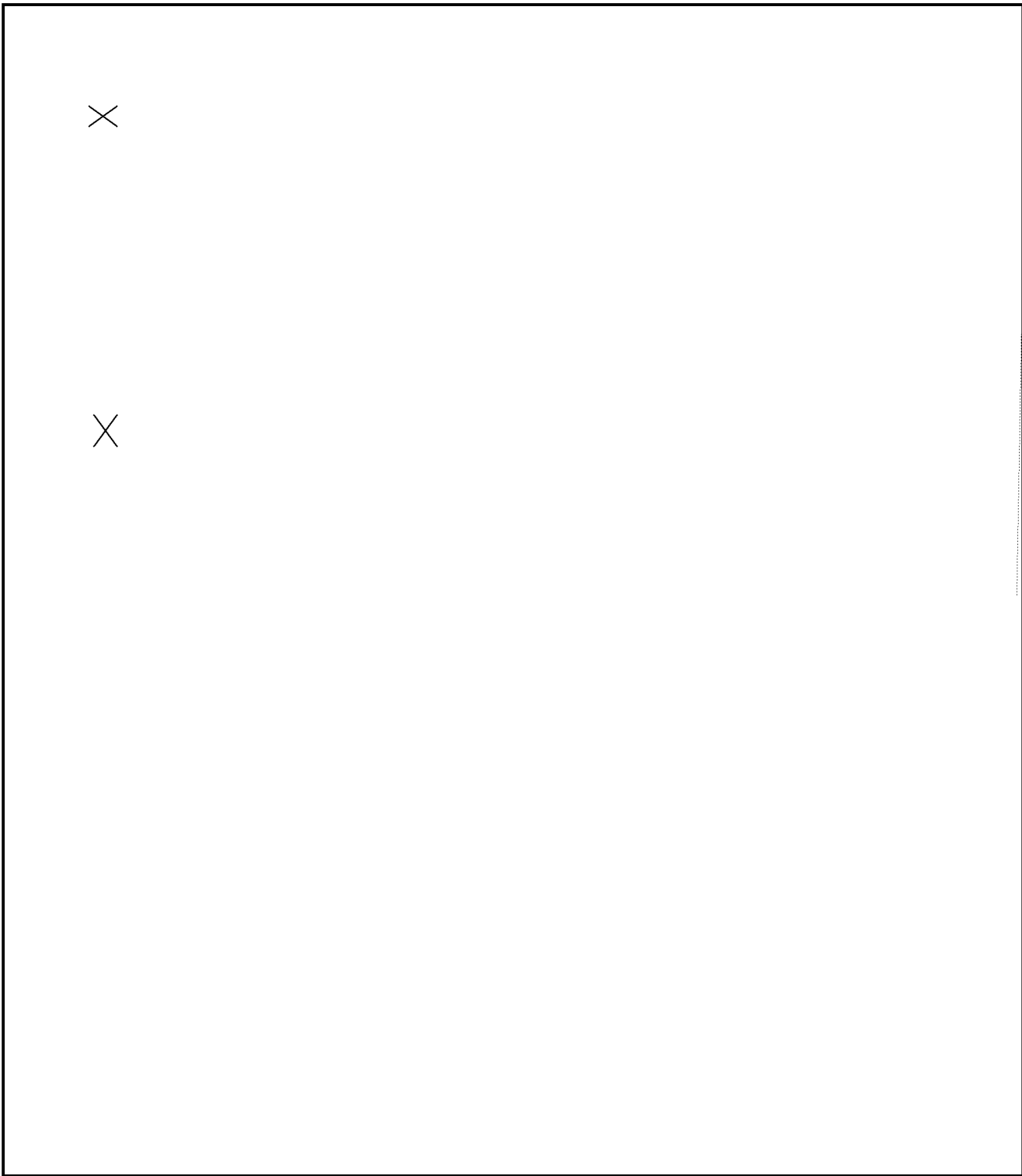
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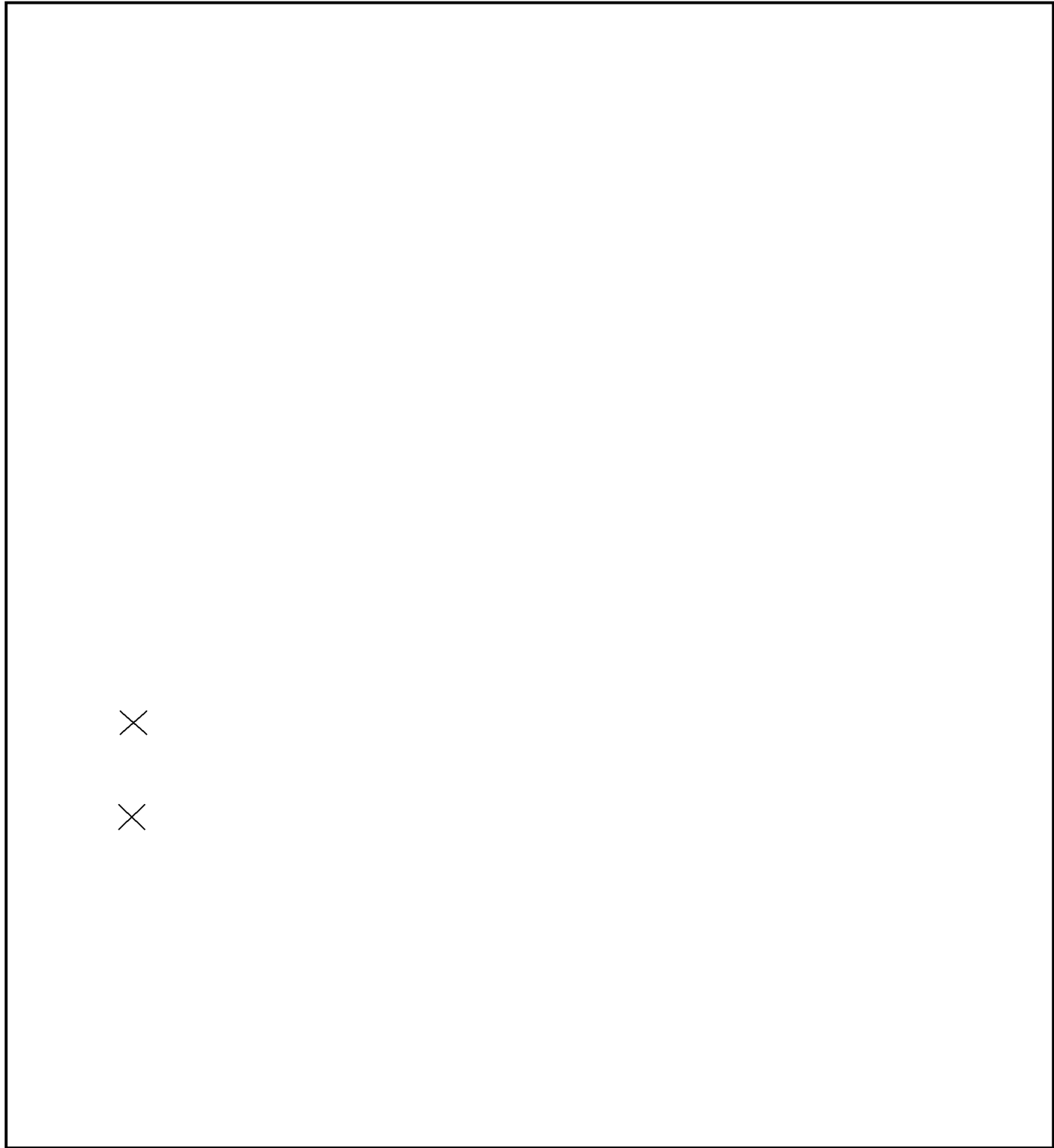
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«...AND INSPIRE THE BELIEVERS»

Photos from
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INSPIRE

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Open Source Jihad

1. The Ultimate mowing machine [53]
Yahya Ibrahim has come up with an easy formula that isn't exactly about 'going green'

2. Tips for our brothers in the United Snakes of America [55]
From experience, Yahya Ibrahim explains how to protect oneself from the enemy when conducting operations

3. Asrar al-Mujahideen 2.0 extras [58]
Concluding the series on Asrar al-Mujahideen, Terr0r1st explains some of the other uses of the program

When two army officers were walking through a market street in the city of Lawdar, in Southern Yemen, two men from the general public started harassing them. The two men beat up the soldiers and took over their weapons. The government has no respect among the people and that is why such an incident passed in front of the public in a crowded area without anyone doing anything to defend or protect these soldiers. In response, that same evening, the army sent in troops and they started firing indiscriminately at the public.

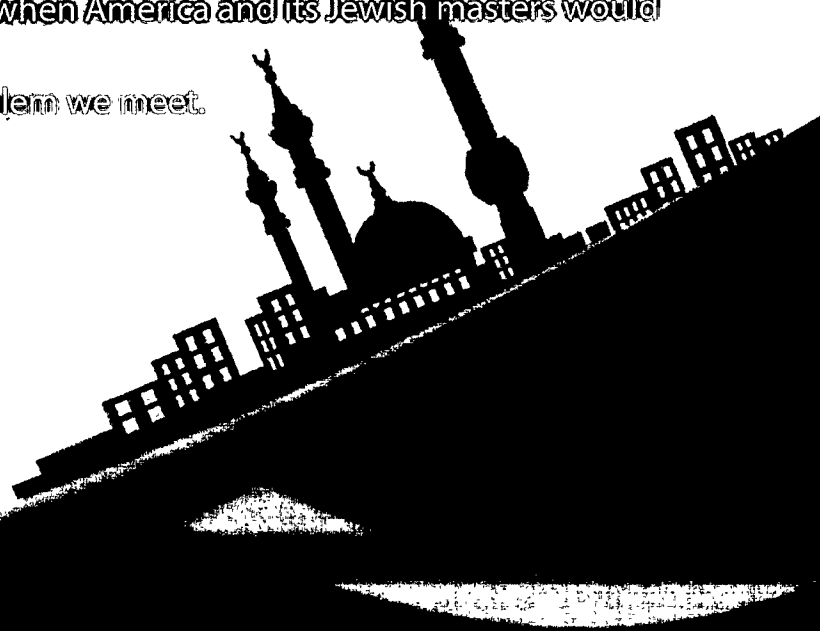
When some members of al Qaeda heard of the incident, they rushed to the place where the troops were firing and started attacking them. They made it clear to the population of Lawdar that they are doing this to defend the city from the aggressing troops. The fight escalated with both al Qaeda and the army drawing in reinforcements in a fight that continued for a few days and left over 40 soldiers dead and a number of armored vehicles and tanks destroyed. None of the al Qaeda members were killed despite the lies of the government. The mujahidin used a strategy of ambushing the army along all the roads that lead to the bases, hence, forcing the army to stay within. When the army was running short on water they asked the mujahidin for a truce. The mujahidin refused.

We have included for you in this issue photos from the battle of Lawdar and other recent operations in the South.

It is expected that tensions in the South would rise. There is widespread hatred for the government and a strong support base for the mujahidin. There are new brothers joining the ranks of the mujahidin almost on a daily basis. On the other hand the morale of the army is at its lowest point ever. With a lost war in the North and a simmering South, with record high corruption, with soldiers receiving the lowest government wages in a country where wages are amongst the lowest in the world, all what a soldier cares about is receiving his monthly salary but he has no will to fight because he has nothing to fight for and he has no will to lose his life for a government he does not have faith in. There is also the tantalizing thought that would hover in the mind of any army soldier who has conscience that by fighting the mujahidin, he has become an agent for America and a traitor of Islam. Deep inside their hearts, many soldiers realize that they are on the wrong side.

While the fighting in Lawdar was raging, the CIA issued its assessment of the al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula. The CIA is now claiming that the AQAP is the most dangerous of the al Qaeda branches. We say this is just the beginning. You haven't seen anything yet. The Arabian Peninsula is the heartland of Islam and its mujahidin have promised that they will not lay down their arms until they free this land from the tyrants and march on to Jerusalem. That is when America and its Jewish masters would realize the true danger of AQAP.

Our slogan is: Here we start, and in Jerusalem we meet.



HEAR THE WORLD

a collection of quotes from friend and foe



Would you like the government of Iraq rule the USA; those guys you've put in Iraq, you want them to rule the USA? You're welcome to have them because those are just crooks! [Sabah al-Mukhtar, on al-Jazeera's 'Inside Iraq']



There are countless tens of thousands of Iraqis and Afghans who died as a result of the wars he launched, and the lies that he told to the world, and indeed the Palestinian people continue to suffer at the hands of Israel where Tony Blair's EU Middle East envoy does nothing to restrain or sanction Israel, in fact it commends Israel for its actions. [Anti-War Campaigner, Richard Boyd Barrett, speaking at Ireland protest of Tony Blair's book signing]



This attack on the United States will also be a revenge attack for all the mujahideen, muhajireen and the weak and oppressed people of Muslims. For example, Baitullah Amir Shahid as well as Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi and all the Muslim Arab that have been martyred. I will take revenge on their behalf, In Sha' Allah. [NYC Times Square bomber, Faisal Shahzad, speaking in his last will]



He (i.e. Mahmoud Abbas) cannot say no to the Americans. No to the Americans is very, very expensive. It means no money and the collapse of his authority. [Abdel Bari Atwan speaking on al-Jazeera on the Palestinian-Israeli peace talks]



We'll have no part in the democracy and elections. We'll carry on the fight and we'll never negotiate. I wear clothes of explosives, I'm heading out to kill disbelievers. I'm a martyr, I'm an earthquake that shakes the palace built on pride. [Mohammed Younis Jihad Mal, Taliban singer]



The US needs to understand that the world is watching to see is it going to investigate the crimes that are probably revealed by this leak or is it going to investigate the messengers? [Julian Assange, Editor, Wikileaks, on the massive document pertaining to the US crimes in Afghanistan leaked to the net]

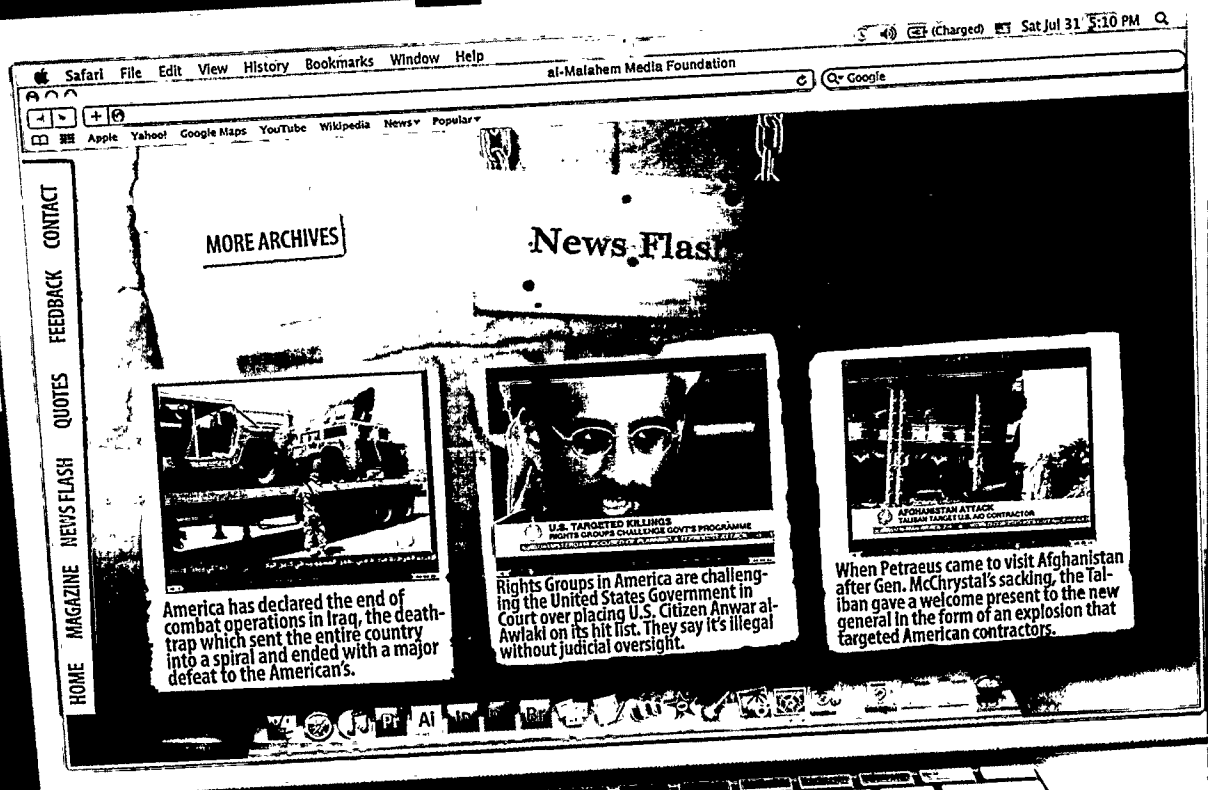


Our enemies are al Qaeda and their allies who are trying to kill us but have killed more Muslims than just about anybody on earth. [Barack Obama, in his Second News Conference, speaking as if America hasn't killed over a million Muslims in Iraq (before the invasion) and don't have blood on their hands from Afghanistan, Palestine, Sudan, and elsewhere.]

Just Ridiculous!

NEWS FLASH

In Shabwa, Yemen, the Yemeni army launched an attack on al Qaeda. There are no reported deaths on al Qaeda's side. In contrast, the Yemeni army have lost 40 of their soldiers as of this report, and many have been injured.



MORE ARCHIVES

News Flash



America has declared the end of combat operations in Iraq, the death-trap which sent the entire country into a spiral and ended with a major defeat to the American's.



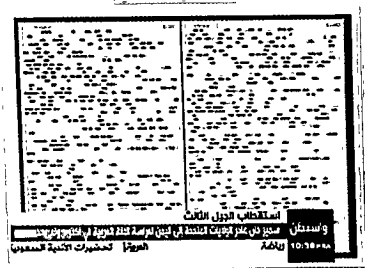
Rights Groups in America are challenging the United States Government in Court over placing U.S. Citizen Anwar al-Awlaki on its hit list. They say it's illegal without judicial oversight.



When Petraeus came to visit Afghanistan after Gen. McChrystal's sacking, the Taliban gave a welcome present to the new general in the form of an explosion that targeted American contractors.



THE INSPIRE DISTORTION



The first issue of Inspire was struck with a virus that deleted 64 out of its 67 pages. It is also reported that the FBI actively sought the deletion of the online magazine. Why are they so scared?

NY CORDOBA MOSQUE LESSONS



The NY Cordoba mosque issue reveals to us the religious discrimination that exists in America. The polls show that a majority are against the building of the mosque even though the sponsors of the project profess to being patriotic loyal Americans. Isn't it time that American Muslims wake up to the fact that America is Islam's number one enemy?

THE HERO SHARIF MOBLEY



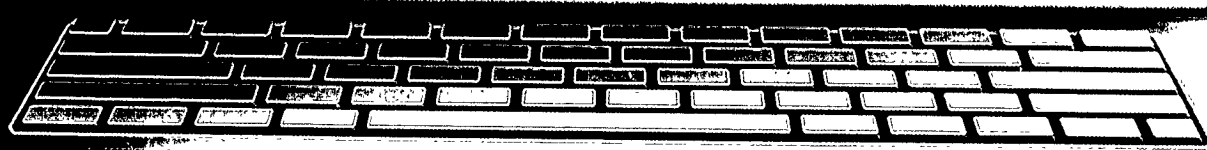
On Jan. 26, Sharif Mobley was attacked by eight masked operatives from Yemen's secret police. He was tortured in prison despite being an American citizen because it was the Americans who made the request for his arrest. Details of his ordeal are beginning to surface.

QUR'AN BURNING CONTROVERSY



The Qur'an burning event led by Terry Jones teaches us the crookedness of U.S. law, specifically its first amendment on the freedom of speech. It reveals that its law is a crime to billions of people who share the same planet. Our Jihad is not

only for the revenge of the murdered and oppressed, but also to replace such laws with justice and fairness. Under an Islamic State, it would be forbidden for even a Muslim to burn copies of the Bible for example. This event is yet another testimony to the falseness of man-made law. Muslims around the world need to ask themselves: whose side are you on? The one that protects blasphemy or the one that protects people from it?



QUESTIONS WE SHOULD BE ASKING

1. If a long time journalist and reporter like Helen Thomas was thrown out for truthful words on the Israeli occupation, doesn't that hint to everyone who's really in control of America?
2. Didn't Uganda's President get the message that if you station your troops in Somalia, your country will go through hell?
3. From the war on terror to the war on al Qaeda, isn't Obama calling every Muslim who follows the principles of Islam – which includes establishing the Global Islamic Caliphate through jihad – a supporter of al Qaeda?
4. Not a single shred of evidence has been produced to incriminate Imam Anwar al-Awlaki; so why has the US Government put him on their hit list?
5. When will President Ali Abdullah Saleh put an end to his lies on al Qaeda and admit that his criminal actions are the reason why al Qaeda has grown dramatically in the past few years throughout Yemen?
6. If there were a nation today that deserves to be destroyed by a nuclear blast, which one would it be? Shouldn't it be the one that has used nuclear weapons on innocent and helpless people?
7. Isn't it strange how the issue of Kashmir ignites flames when an event occurs but the actual long-standing occupation doesn't move us?

INSPIRE

INSPIRE FEEDBACK

A chance for the world to respond

No-one seems to know how to respond to al-Qaeda's Inspire magazine.

Stephen Colbert tried to be funny, as comedians always do. Peter Hoekstra tried to be blustery, as politicians always do. But the real challenge posed by the magazine and the ideology it represents is neither to American comedians nor politicians. It is to the Muslim ummah, the community of Muslims worldwide, a challenge to look honestly at who Muhammad really was and how he responded to those who resisted his claim that he was a Prophet sent from God.

[Taken from Staring at the view blog]

"The magazine is a virtual how-to guide for becoming a terrorist. People don't have to travel overseas or know Arabic to join the radical jihadist movement—they can become a virtual member of al-Qaeda and learn how to carry out terrorist attacks from the comfort of their homes. Al-Qaeda has shifted its focus from committed jihadists going through training camps, to literally trying to inspire attackers globally to act locally, in their communities. This is an unfortunately well-done magazine that is proof positive that al-Qaeda and its affiliates have launched a direct appeal for Americans to launch small-scale attacks here at home. It provides al-Qaeda's warped rationale to carry out the attacks and a how-to guide to get the job done. Now they're just hoping someone picks up a copy and is 'inspired' to do it." [U.S. Rep. Pete Hoekstra, R-Mich., the top Republican on the House Intelligence Committee]

At Tellabs, we publish a customer magazine, formerly known as Inspire. It's a big project every quarter, as we work closely with customers to convey how Tellabs mobile, optical, business and services solutions helped them succeed. It's always a bit nerve-racking when we go to press, but this quarter almost knocked us off our feet. The week was winding down before the fourth of July weekend when my boss called to ask where the magazine was. I proudly

replied, "It's on press!" thinking he would be pleased. To my surprise, he wasn't. In fact, I could tell by his voice that there was a big problem. What he said next stunned me for a moment. "Al Qaeda just launched a magazine called Inspire!"

[Ted Meister, Marketing Communications Manager]

"We understand the absolute seriousness of a threat from an Al Qaeda-inspired magazine and are attempting to do everything in our power to assist the individuals on that list to effectively protect themselves and change their behavior to make themselves less of a target."

[David Gomez, FBI assistant special agent, speaking on the hitlist in the first issue]

I am a follower of your efforts online and am impressed with all of the work you do for the sake of Allah. Like many others,

I have been following the news and learned it was initially difficult for you to deliver the message. Alhamdulillah the infidels were not able to stop us and the magazine was published, and InshaAllah they will not be able to stop us in the future so long as we continue to persist.

My noble brothers, you have proven how determined you are to deliver the message and information that other brothers may find useful in conducting their operations. Not only that I find your magazine to be a wealth of knowledge, however, it also serves as a motivational tool whereas it will make the brothers wait impatiently for the upcoming issues, InshaAllah.

[Ahmad]

I wish to convey my sincerest thanks for this momentous undertaking. Allah will surely reward you for your efforts and bless you for your tireless devotion to His cause and His Word.

[Khalil]

Allahu akbar wa lillah al-hamd, ya ikhwati al-salihin! You have brought such

great joy to my heart with the release of Inspire. Allah reward you with every good thing for this. You are truly a credit to our faith.

[Qasim]

This is the first time that I read your (and our) "Inspire" magazine. This is something that we young Muslims need on a monthly basis. This magazine inspired me to think more about akhira by devoting my entire life to doing good deeds.

[Brother N.D.]

Indeed today we stand at a point, where in the battle of the hearts and minds the infidels are throwing everything to corrupt the fundamentals of the ummah and instill doubts and hatred amongst the believers. The ploy has been same for ages—"Divide and rule". In such commotion the scholars of truth have always clarified the stance of the mujahidin with their in-depth knowledge and understanding of the Qur'an and Sunnah. We hope and pray you will continue to do the same with detailed analysis and perspective of the fiqh of fighting and operations of the mujahidin.

Alhamdulillah we have received the first issue of the "Inspired". It has indeed been inspiring and opens an all new front of media warfare. When the kuffar continue their diatribe against the religion of Allah, it is indispensable that the voices of truth are also heard. InshaAllah we hope to see many more issues of the magazine and your valuable contribution in it.

The caravan in the path of Allah is moving and a many of us crave to join in. For those in the process and living in Dar al-Kufr we ask for your advice. We also seek counsel on dealing with the different sects and the guidelines for da'wah.

[Brother MS]

UNTIL WE TASTE WHAT HAMZA BIN ABD AL-MUTTALIB TASTED

SHAYKH USAMA BIN LADIN

I also reassure our people in Palestine in particular that we will expand our jihad – Allah permitting – and will neither recognize the borders of

Sykes-Picot nor the rulers whom colonialism put in place.¹ We – by Allah – haven't forgotten you after the events of the 11th, for can the man forget his family? But following those blessed raids which struck the head and heart of global unbelief and the biggest ally of the Zionist entity, America, we are today occupied with attacking and fighting it and its agents, especially in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Islamic Maghreb and Somalia. And if it and its agents are defeated in Iraq – Allah permitting – then it won't be long before the armies of the mujahidin set out, brigades followed by brigades, from Baghdad, al-Anbar, Mosul, Diyala and Salahuddin to bring back to us Hittin, Allah permitting.

And we won't recognize any state for the Jews, even if on one hand span of the land of Palestine, the way all the Arab rulers did when they adopted the governor of Riyadh's initiative a few years ago. And it wasn't enough for them to commit that major catastrophe until the people recently saw the shepherdess of surrender herd them in flocks to Annapolis, doing with them what the Americans did with their forefathers before, but not for them to be sold: no, for them to sell, and sell what? Sell Jerusalem, al-Aqsa Mosque and the blood of the martyrs, and there is neither power nor strength except with Allah. May Allah do to them as they deserve. And with this, it was confirmed to the people who is trustworthy, who is a traitor, and who is it who is moved by Zionist hands:

*The wound of al-Quds continues
To irritate my side
The burning of its tragedy is like fire
Flaring in the gut
I didn't betray the covenant of Allah
When the states betrayed it*

In addition, we shall not respect the international charters which recognize the Zionist entity on the soil of Palestine, the way the leadership of HAMAS respect them, or the way some of the leaders of the Muslim Brothers stated that. Rather, it is jihad to liberate all of Palestine from the river to the sea, Allah permitting, placing our hands in the hands of the truthful mujahidin there from the foundations of HAMAS and the other factions who condemned their leaders for their deviation from the truth. So blood for blood and destruction for destruction, and I repeat the oath: by Allah, we shall help you even if we have to crawl on our knees, until we taste what Hamza bin Abd al-Muttalib tasted.□

¹ (The Open Meeting with Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri, 2008)

MY LIFE IN JIHAD

THE STORY OF COMMANDER UTHMAN AL-GHAMIDI



I WAS LIKE ANY OTHER YOUNG man running after making a living in a cheap world. I finished high school and then enlisted in the navy. I was in the navy for two years, oblivious to what was happening to my Islamic nation and caring for nothing but making ends meet. But I wasn't happy. I was not feeling satisfied and an internal conflict within myself was brewing. That was until the day came when Allah guided me to the true path. I left my work and spent my time in the masjid. I began searching for opportunities of doing good to make up for my shortcomings towards my Muslim *ummah* for all of those long years. But I didn't find what I was doing was enough. The Muslim *ummah* needed more than just relief work and sponsoring orphans and widows. It needed to be saved from its enemies that were surrounding it. It needed those who would cure its deep wounds and I knew that could not be achieved except through jihad and preparation for it. That is when I decided to go to the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the land of mujahidin under the leadership of the Taliban. There I could receive the training I needed. But I could not travel since the Saudi government does not allow its military personal to travel outside

of the country except after receiving a special permit and after long and complicated procedures. So I tried to get relieved from my military duty but there were some financial requirements that stood in the way. Therefore, I decided to find other means to get out of the country. I tried finding help in obtaining a fake passport but to no avail. I prayed to Allah to make things easy for me. That is when I found a brother who not only arranged to get me a fake passport but he also provided me with the money needed for my journey. The zero hour approached and I greeted my family without telling them my destination of travel. I traveled through a few local airports before embarking on my trip to Karachi, Pakistan after transiting at Bahrain and Doha. With the help of Allah, the mujahidin are able to get over the most difficult of obstacles. We should put our trust in Allah.

After my arrival at Karachi airport, I took a taxi to a close-by hotel where I spent the night. The following day I called the coordinator to inform him of my arrival. Shortly after that, the hotel reception informed me of a man asking to see me. I carried my luggage and went out to meet the brother who came to pick me up in a

taxi. The brother was Arab and after exchanging with him the agreed upon code words, I rode with him. I was impressed with the organization of the brothers, their transportation, communication network, their coordination, and they even provided new passports for us. They were like a state within the state. What was most impressive was their devotion to their work even though they were volunteers and were not receiving pay.

During our ride to the guesthouse, the brother was taking every opportunity to welcome me. At the guesthouse I saw men from different nationalities and they were all welcoming me with smiles on their faces. All of these brothers came together for one purpose: to serve Islam, and each one of them had his own program and destination to head towards. I put my bags in one of the rooms and met the Amir of the guesthouse who offered me to call my family to let them know that I arrived safely. I spent the night at the guesthouse and the following day arrangements were made for my trip to Afghanistan so I boarded a plane from Karachi airport to Quetta airport on the border with Afghanistan. From there we took a taxi towards



the capital of the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, Qandahar. When we passed the Pakistani border, we prostrated to Allah to thank him for allowing us to reach Afghanistan. When we arrived at Qandahar, we were welcomed by brothers from the Taliban who used to repeat: "You are Arabs and we love you for the sake of Allah." We were then taken to the guesthouse for the new arrivals. We arrived there at sunset and I spent my night with the best of all men. The following day we were woken up by the arrival of a few vehicles carrying armed men with a van in between. When the vehicles stopped, all the armed men disembarked their vehicles and gathered around the van and opened its door. To our surprise, Shaykh Usama came out to visit us and welcomed us himself. He greeted us one-by-one and was inquiring about our news. He was especially eager to inquire about

news from the Arabian Peninsula. The Shaykh left after instructing us to leave for the Faruq camp. We prepared our luggage and the following day we were taken to the factory where real men are fashioned: the al-Faruq camp. It took us a few hours to get to the camp and when we arrived the instructors greeted us with smiles on their faces. When I saw how we were welcomed and greeted at this camp, I compared it to the way we were received at the navy. We were received with ridicule and profane words and I remember one of the officers saying: "leave your good manners, honor and manhood at the outside gate and when you leave you may take them back if you want but you are not allowed to have any of that in here. What we expect from you in this place is blind obedience." After welcoming us, the instructors left except for one who introduced himself to us and told us that he is our instructor. He read to us some instructions and then took us around the camp and gave us a brief introduction to the training courses that were being offered. He left us to prepare ourselves for the start of our training the following day. Our training began and the hours and

days passed with us going through a combination of military and religious training. From time to time Shaykh Usama would visit us to raise our spirits and encourage us. He would also tell us that some of our brothers were about to strike America on its soil and he would ask us to pray for them.

After about a month, the Shaykh instructed us to be divided into groups. I was chosen among a group of fifty brothers to accompany the Shaykh. We left the camp in a bus and spent the night at a guesthouse. We were then taken to Kabul. After a few days we received the news of the assassination of Ahmad Shah Masood and we were very pleased to hear it. Then we headed towards Torgar, next to Jalalabad, in the East of Afghanistan. This is the same place where Shaykh Usama gave his famous oath: "America will not live in peace and security until we live it in Palestine." During the day of our arrival, we were listening to the news attentively since the Shaykh told us the operation would be soon "so keep your ears close to the radio". A few hours later the world was struck with the news of September 11th. We couldn't believe it at first. We had humiliated America and struck it on its soil using its own planes as weapons. We damaged its economy and weakened its strength and we had them drink from the same cup they have been having our ummah drink from for years. Now we were equal, sending the clear message: We kill from you as you kill from us and as you strike terror in us we

strike terror in you. That was a special day. The mujahidin were happy and they were happier when they saw the celebration of the Muslim ummah, especially our brothers in Palestine. The issue of Palestine was one of the main reasons for us attacking America. We wanted to take revenge for our brothers and sisters in Palestine by striking at the nation that is the reason behind the existence of Israel. It became clear to the close and far that the mujahidin are able to take revenge and defend the ummah even though they are undersized in numbers and provisions.

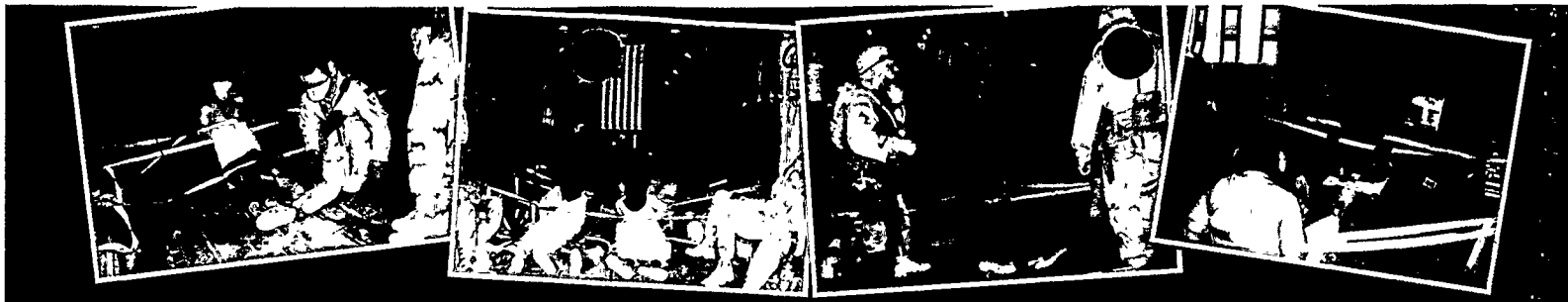
After the celebrations, we began to prepare ourselves. The Shaykh along with some of the leaders moved to a secure location while we prepared the area for the fight. We drew maps, surveyed the area, and dug trenches. A few days later we were instructed to head for Tora Bora and I was one of the first to go up the mountain. The mujahidin were trickling into the area until we reached a total of a little over three hundred fighters (America falsely claimed that we were three thousand). We began preparing the area for the fight with America and its



allies by digging trenches and taking our defensive positions on the mountains.

On the 7th of October 2001, the Americans started their bombing campaign. They began with Kandahar followed by Kabul, Jalalabad and Tora Bora. The bombing was atrocious but the mercy of Allah was surrounding us and we fell into a deep sleep. The next day I asked some of the other brothers I met and they described going through the same experience.

The bombing over Tora Bora was increasing. It was relentless. That was because of the rumors that Shaykh Usama and Dr. Ayman were present. They were with us and they were going through what we were going through.



They refused to leave us except one day before our retreat and only after our insistence that they must evacuate the area.

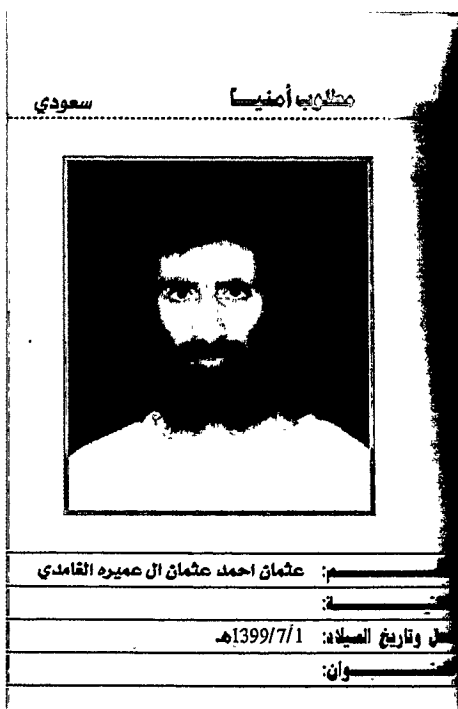
Bombs were falling like rain. But the mercy of Allah was also falling down on us like a rain that was much heavier and mightier than all the rockets and bombs that America could send. There was no fight on the ground except with the Afghan hypocrites during the final twelve days.

We received our orders to retreat to Pakistan. We left Tora Bora and left behind us the memory of those eventful days. We also left behind fifty martyrs whom musk emanated from their bodies. After a march of three days where we would drink and eat snow and sleep over snow; where we would descend a mountain only to climb another, we reached to

a tribe on the Pakistani border. The tribe welcomed us and hosted us in their homes but we didn't know that we were in the wrong place. We trusted them and gave them our weapons in order to make our movements easy inside Pakistan. After one day, they gathered us into a masjid where we found three buses parked outside and the entire area surrounded by the Pakistani police and army. We realized that this tribe had entrapped us and that we had been sold off to the Pakistani government. We were around a hundred brothers. Some of us tried to run away from the masjid. I was one of those. There was another brother with me and then a short while later we were joined by a third. We asked a tribe member to help smuggle us to the gulf, which he agreed to do, and he hosted us in his house. A fourth brother joined us so we divided into two groups of two. The first group reached safely but my companion and I fell into a checkpoint, got arrested and were beaten badly because we tried to resist. We were then taken to a nearby prison where we stayed for a day before we were transported to Kohat military prison. In Kohat, when we saw our other imprisoned mujahidin brothers, the imprisonment became easy on us. During this time the Pakistani government interrogated us and following that we were visited by the FBI who took our photographs and fingerprints. We stayed in this prison between two to three weeks. Following that we were transported in large American cargo airplanes. The journey took a few hours before we landed in Qandahar where the Americans set up a temporary base. We were taken away to the base in a very brutal way. On the base, various

forms of horrific methods of torture were used on the prisoners. The torture led to the deaths of some of the brothers. The Americans were also using a variety of means to insult our religion. The duration of our stay on the base varied. Some stayed for a few weeks and others for a few months. I chose to be straightforward with the investigators and I told them that I was in Afghanistan for the purpose of jihad and that I trained at al-Faruq camp. This led to my speedy transport to Guantanamo Bay prison. My stay on the base was for a total of two weeks.

I was taken on board a cargo plane for a long journey. Scenes of this journey were shown on the media. In that journey we were not allowed to speak or move and we were prevented from seeing or hearing anything. The journey was for more than 24 hours. We were greeted at Guantanamo with swearing and beating as we were dragged to our cells. That is when the dirty American program began against us. They insulted our religion and we were subjected to physical and psychological forms of torture through sleep deprivation and exposure to hot and cold weather in special rooms. We were also used as guinea pigs for their experiments. For example, they would experiment certain drugs on us so that one would find one of us for days unable to sleep while his neighbor is sleeping endlessly for a few days. One of the brothers would joke and say: "It seems the Americans have taken us as spare parts for themselves". They would expose us to hunger and they would try to seduce some of us through women. Nevertheless, with all this torture and temptation, Allah





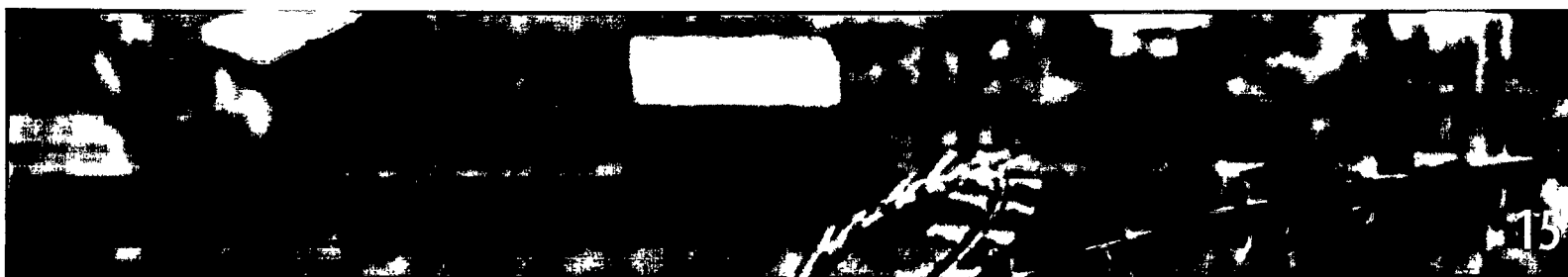
was protecting us. We would defend the Qur'an and take from them what we wanted by force. The Muslim is honorable if he takes jihad as his path.

We were able to receive news of the mujahidin, even though thousands of kilometers stood between us and the lands of jihad. Sometimes we would know about something happening in the world without actually hearing the specific news about it. For example, we would know about a defeat of the Americans when the flags on the base would fly at half-staff. Sometimes news would reach us about Afghanistan. During that time we heard a lot about Abu Layth al-Libi. We would also receive news about our brothers in the Arabian Peninsula and we were with them with our souls and prayers. One day the prison guards came in happy and they were dancing. When we asked them what was the reason of their joy, they said that the U.S. has invaded Iraq. One of them proudly said: "Yesterday we took Afghanistan, today we have taken Iraq, and tomorrow we will take Makkah." That is their plan and one of them said that that is what they were taught at church. However, their dreams were shattered by the real men of the ummah such as Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi. We used to threaten them and anger them with the name of

al-Zarqawi to the extent that some of them would return to apologize to us for what they had done. There were some soldiers who committed suicide before being deployed to Iraq because of their fear of Abu Mus'ab and the mujahidin.

The sacrifices of the mujahidin played a role in our release from Guantanamo. In fact they are the main reason behind our release as one of our lawyers said: "The path of the legal system is a long one and it will not get you out of here any time soon, but the knife of Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi would." After spending five years at Guantanamo, I was told that I would be released. But my release was delayed for a month because I told them as soon as I am released I would join the mujahidin again. During this month, they killed three of the prisoners in the same section of the prison where I was located. With my imminent release after five years of captivity, feelings of sadness and happiness were overcoming me. Farewell was very difficult. My heart was tearing apart for having to depart from the brothers whom I spent the past five years with. We were transported in a large armored bus to the airport where a Saudi jet was waiting for us. There were sixteen of us and we boarded the jet. It had seventy men onboard, the crew plus men from

the intelligence service and police. We boarded the plane while giving a final glance at Guantanamo Bay, the place that Allah blessed us with raising on it the call to prayers and worshiping Him on its soil. The plane landed in Riyadh after transiting in Morocco for refueling. At our arrival in Riyadh, we were taken by bus to the prison of al-Hayer. This is the prison where our great scholars, chaste sisters, and mujahidin brothers have been imprisoned for many long years. When we reached it, they put us all in a cell where we remained for three months. We were released for a week and during that week I got married. They then put us back in jail for four months. The government officers interrogated us and we were subjected to a rehabilitation program where we would meet with government clerics who would try to convince us that jihad today is *haram* unless the ruler allows it. How can the ruler who is himself an apostate and is an agent of the Americans order jihad against America! These Shaykh's requested us to condemn the work of the mujahidin of Arabia such as al-Miqrin and al-Awfi but we refused. One of our brothers refused to shake hands with Muhammad bin Nayef (Assistant Secretary of Defense) because he said his hands are soaked with the blood of our mujahidin brothers. Until the moment of writing these



lines, this brother is still behind bars, may Allah hasten his release. Another brother was given money to get married but he used the money to finance a mujahid who was going to Afghanistan. Out of their foolishness, the al-Saud government thought that they could buy us as they have bought their clerics such as those in this rehabilitation program. I will give one example of the Shaykh's in this program: One brother was being advised by this Shaykh who told him that *du`ā* alone is sufficient and that there is no need for jihad. So the brother asked him: "If someone comes in to your house and wants to rape your wife, would you just make *du`ā* and not defend her?" The Shaykh said: "Yes. I would make *du`ā* and I would say to him: I ask Allah that you do not enjoy her!" These are the Shaykh's of these rehabilitation programs, the slaves of money. When our days in prison were over, we were released from the small prison to a larger one. We were freed but we were still like prisoners. We were hounded by the intelligence services and their laws and regulations were being pounded on us. We were continuously being called in for questioning and they would use the excuse that they just wanted to check on our wellbeing.

The vehicles of the intelligence services would follow us wherever we went. Our every move was being monitored. We were then banned from traveling to any local city except after obtaining a written permission. We had to furnish information on the type of vehicle we intended to use for travel, the number of people who would accompany us along with their names, the place of destination, the exact locations we planned on visiting, when we would return, and we had to provide mobile contact numbers that could be used whenever they wanted to contact us. Restrictions were increasing by the day. During this time we were searching for ways to join our brothers at the fronts of jihad. We were able to establish some contact with our brothers in Yemen. We prepared our departure route but the surveillance on us was increasing. My entire village was being surrounded and wherever I went, I would be followed overtly. This shameless pursuit would occur even if I was being accompanied by my family. If I went into a masjid to pray, they would come in to pray. If I entered a store, they enter after me, if I ride my car they ride theirs, if I come out of my car they would come out of theirs. I prayed *istikhārā* and decided to start my journey towards Yemen. When I did, heavy rain fell which made visibility so difficult that I was able to sneak out in the presence of all the intelligence officers that were following me. All praise is due

to Allah. I wish that I had put dirt on their heads just like the Messenger of Allah ﷺ did in his *hijra* to let them know that I was about to make my own *hijra* too.

We traveled to join our beloved mujahidin brothers. We traveled to the land of honor. We passed through until we reached the border of Yemen where we left behind our car and left behind us this worthless world to go to the land of *īmān*, the land of the *ansār* who have given the greatest examples of supporting, hosting, and sacrificing for the religion. Their welcoming of us was amazing. We are now living with the finest of brothers.

Finally, I have this message to the al-Saud rulers: **Die in your rage.**

I ask Allah to grant us steadfastness and support and I encourage my brothers to prepare for jihad and to fight jihad. The doors of jihad are many and one of them is the individual jihad. Dear brother, never belittle your ability. Ramzi Yusuf was a single individual and yet he was an example of someone who fought jihad alone. Do not let the American soldier, the British or Danish soldier or any other disbelieving soldier be better than you in defending his principles and realize that this is the price you need to pay for Paradise. Paradise is where you will see things which an eye has never seen, an ear has never heard and a mind has never imagined.



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THE JIHADI EXPERIENCE

ABUL MUJIB AB AD-SURI



**THE OPEN FRONTS &
THE INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE**

SECOND: THE SCHOOL OF OPEN FRONTS IN THE PRE-SEPTEMBER WORLD¹

The meaning of Open Fronts is that there are mujahidun forces whose presence is overt and linked to permanent bases. They fight the enemy forces on open battle lines, or they fight a guerilla war from those fixed positions. I will illustrate this with some examples from our experience: 'The First Afghani Jihad', 'Bosnia', 'Chechnya' and then 'The Second Afghani Jihad in the Era of Taliban'. As I said, this method was proven, in contrast with previous methods. Some points are:

1. Overwhelming military success:

This in spite of the enormous difference between the mujahidun and the enemy in equipment, weapons, technology and all material balances. In the first experience, the Afghani mujahidun, and the Arab and Muslim mujahidun who

were with them – as previously explained – managed to, in spite of their shortcomings, defeat a great state and have folded its flags forever, Allah willing.

In Bosnia, a handful of Arab, Turkish and Muslim mujahidun were able to alter the balance of power in the Serbian genocide war, and they performed miracles. It is enough to mention that 60,000 soldiers from the American forces were stationed at sea outside the coasts of Bosnia and Serbia, and they put as a condition for entering Bosnia after the Dayton agreement, that 600 Muslim mujahidun should leave the country! So every man planted terror in a hundred soldiers from the Great Empire and its allies!

As for Chechnya, there is no objection that the military miracles which occurred had stunned the world, when a handful of men withstood the Soviet military apparatus! From a people whose population is less than a million, in a country not bigger than 50,000 square kilometers!

In this way, the faithful mujahidun

proved that on the fields of overt confrontation, they are exceptional fighters. The imbalance [of power] between them and the enemy did not stand as an obstacle for them or for the victories.

2. Structural security success:

Considering that the confrontations were overt, the regimes' intelligence did not have any role worth mentioning, in that they had a role in the abortion of those fronts. Rather, the participation on the battlefield was a security barrier by which many of the infiltrators and the intelligence agents were detected, so they had to repent or flee... their activity was limited to observing the movement of secret organizations who took refuge on those fronts, and not abortion of the fronts themselves.

3. Agitation success:

This is the third important matter, because those causes succeeded in mobilizing the Islamic Nation, with its hundreds of millions, behind them. This is in contrast to the experiences of the secret organizations, since

¹ The following text is taken from his book, 'The Global Islamic Resistance Call', Ch.8 /Sec.4.



the oldest jihadi organizations were unable to mobilize the people of the limited region where they were confronting the regimes. Most of the Islamic Nation's people had not even heard about their struggle, let alone supported them! However, in the case of the Open Fronts, the Islamic Nation with its hundreds of millions rose to support and advocate them, and her devoted sons joined the Fronts. The Shaykh's and elders prayed to Allah for the mujahidun's victory, and rich and poor Muslims alike donated their money and supported the jihad.

The mobilization for jihad that the Fronts generated was enormous... and the agitation to those causes was successful in a startling way.

4. Educational success:

The Islamic educational theory is based upon direct acquisition of knowledge, and on [role] models and examples of good behavior. This has been the case from the Prophet ﷺ to his Companions, may Allah be pleased with them, and from them to the *Tābi'īn* (followers), and from them to the *Taba Tābi'īn* (followers of the Followers). Then, to the senior clerics and the venerable forefathers of the Islamic Nation, and then to their students and followers, and in this way throughout history...

This cannot be done today, however, under the conditions of secret education. It is not possible to provide time or space for giving real doses of the education. Also,

the secrecy does not provide any opportunity to become acquainted with the role model, the leader and the shaykh... and to be influenced by him and take him as a model.

By contrast, the jihad on the Fronts provided all of this... but unfortunately, the leaders who were

in command in that period were largely incapable in terms of giving attention to education (*tarbiyyah*) in its various forms, and the troops gave attention to military and combat education only. However, this incapability cannot deny two points: First, that education was possible. And second, that it was conducted in a partial manner and by some people. It had a great impact, such as in the Afghani and Bosnian experiences, and much greater than in the experiences of the secret jihadi organizations.

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5. Political success:

Political success is the realization of goals and slogans... And the goal of every jihad has been to defeat

the enemy and to establish Islamic rule. In the first Afghani experience, the success was complete...

After passing through trials and tribulations, the jihad resulted in the emergence of the Islamic Emirate.

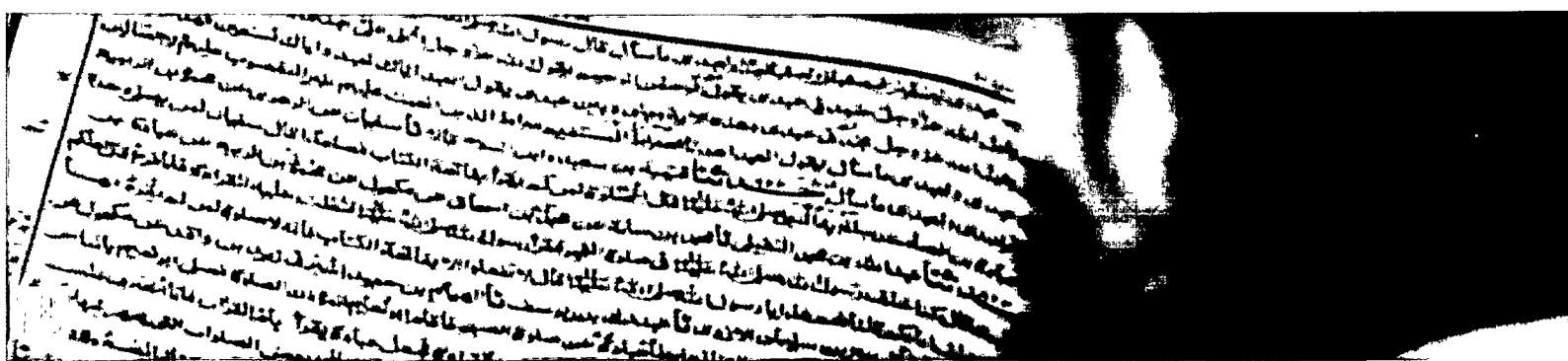
The dream came true. Although it was shattered after some time, it will

return soon, Allah willing. In the case of Bosnia, the goal was to save the Muslims from genocide, and this was realized. However, the rise of an Islamic State in the heart of Europe, and in the light of the New World Order, was an impossible matter. I think that whatever was realized, in view of the circumstances, was largely a success. In the case of Chechnya, the political project was not realized in spite of the military

successes, because the strategic geographical factors for Chechnya as a country, and the given facts and numbers of its population, make this a semi-impossible task. The persistence that was realized is regarded as a historical victory.

In general, political success is connected to factors, which are further away than those I teach in this

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However, the theory of resistance on Fronts has been subjected to decline in the post-September 2001 world. America has employed her stunning technological superiority, and used it for her strategy of decisive air strikes and complete control over space and the electronic world. We will discuss this later, Allah willing.

This jihadi school is very old... maybe this first experience was the unit of the Prophet's great companion Abu Basir, and his well-known story when he formed the first guerilla group in Islam, and the great companion Abu Jandal subsequently joined him. A testimony to this method is what happened at the end of the life of Allah's Messenger ﷺ when al-Aswad al-Ansi apostatized in Yemen, seized power and suppressed and humiliated the Muslims there. The man who put up resistance, was a blessed man from a blessed family, as Allah's Messenger ﷺ. He carried

out individual operational activity on his own initiative. He assassinated al-Aswad al-Ansi, altered the balance of power, and consolidated Islam in Yemen. Gabriel brought Allah's Messenger ﷺ the good news of this decisive victory, which was won by a handful of enterprising men.

Throughout Islamic history, individual initiatives were repeated. During the Crusader wars, the corruption of the Emirs and the disintegration of the Islamic Nation, groups of mujahidun fighters resisted the catastrophe, before the rise of the Zengid State, and then the Ayyubid State. Many isolated units and groups performed the religious duty of jihad. In contemporary Arab history, a well-known story is when a single mujahid was able to alter the balance of power, and to influence the course of a large colonization campaign. This happened when the mujahid Suleyman al-Halabi, Allah's mercy upon him, fled from Aleppo — my old city — in North-Western Syria to Jerusalem, where he asked one of the city's clerics to issue a *fatwa* on killing Kléber, the commander of the French campaign in Egypt, whom Napoleon Bonaparte had appointed as his successor. He then went to him and killed him, and this was one of the reasons for the departure of the French campaign from Egypt. The only price of this victory was the achievement of Suleyman al-Halabi and his shaykh, who issued a *fatwa* saying that al-Halabi would be a martyr in Allah's cause, and the two of them were executed, may Allah's mercy be upon them.

Since the second Gulf War (Desert Storm) in 1990, and the emergence of the New World Order, this school

has been revived. Since then, tens of individual operations have taken place here and there, in various spots in the Arab and Islāmic world, and are still taking place... Sayyid Nusayr killed the fanatic Zionist rabbi Meir Kahane in the United States. He was one of the most hard-line Jews towards the Muslims in Palestine. He had a program for expelling all Palestinians from Palestine. As a result of Kahane's assassination, his group was dissolved and vanished. In 1993, Ramzi Yusuf, one of the Afghan Arabs (he is a Balochi Pakistani), and a group of mujahidun tried to blow up the tower of the World Trade Center in New York.

In Jordan, a Jordanian soldier from the Border Guards boldly opened fire at a number of female Jewish students who were making movements that were mocking the Muslim prayer, and killed a number of them. In Egypt, the heroic Suleyman Khatir opened fire, by independent decision, at a number of Jews at the Egyptian-Israeli border. At the Jordanian border with Israel, tens of border-crossing operations were carried out by young mujahidun, some of them were not carrying anything except a kitchen knife for attacking the Jewish patrols on the Western banks of the Jordan River! In Beirut, mujahidun climbed to the roof of a building and fired a number of RPG rockets at the Russian Embassy during one of the Russian campaigns against Chechnya. During the days of the Gulf War, an old Moroccan stabbed ten French tourists in Morocco, and the body of an Italian was found in the Emirates. A youth stabbed a number of foreigners in Amman, Jordan, and fired upon them. In Palestine, many individual operations were carried out by insurgent citizens against the settlers or the occupation soldiers.

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In Pakistan, mujahidun have killed a number of Americans and Jews. In Egypt, a citizen delivered a letter to Hosni Mubarak, and then stabbed him with a knife. He was killed by the guards. In Jordan, an outstanding group consisting of four men created a cell to assassinate Freemasons in Amman, and succeeded in executing a number of them. They were subsequently arrested after clashing with the police, and some of them died as martyrs. And so on...

As for this spontaneous method, which started to spread with the intensification of the attacks of the American campaigns against Muslim countries, the adoption of the Zionist project in Palestine, and the spread of news through satellites and communication networks, we may make the following observations:

1. Military success: This is concluded from the amount of fear and the terror that was planted in the enemy, and its influence on his interests. Some operations in 1994 even summoned more than 34 presidents, headed by Bill Clinton, to the *Sharm al-Shaykh* conference for combating terrorism.

2. Security success: Which means that these spontaneous operations performed by individuals and cells here and there over the whole world, without connection between them, have put the local and international intelligence apparatus in a state of confusion, as arresting the [members] of aborted cells does not influence the operational activities of others who are not connected to them. I have made use of this observation, to a large extent, when shaping the desired operational concept of the cells of the Global Islamic Resistance Call.

3. Agitation success: The issue of individual jihad was a great agitation success. It had great influence on awakening the spirit of jihad and resistance within the Islamic Nation, and it transformed unknown individuals such as al-Diqamsa,

Suleyman Khatir, Sayyid Nusayr and Ramzi Yusuf into becoming symbols of a nation. The crowds cheer their names, people's thirst for revenge is satisfied, and a generation of youth dedicated to the Resistance follow their example.

4. From a political perspective:

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It has been observed that these events remained as responses and emotional reactions here and there, but number-wise they never became a phenomenon, in spite of their ferocity and their long history of existence. We will explain the reasons for this when we formulate the organizational and operational theories, Allah willing.

5. Educationally: The absence of a common program for these resistance fighters led to a lack of an educational dimension for this phenomenon. This is a shortcoming, which it is possible to avoid, as we will see, Allah willing.

It has also been observed that this method had a partial success, especially with regard to its impact

on the enemy, and the fact that the method makes it harder for the security agencies to defeat the Resistance.

From the investigative study of these three schools of jihad over the past period, we deduct some very important principles:

1. It is no longer possible to operate by the methods of the old model, through the 'secret-regional-hierarchical' organizations, especially after the September 11th events and the onset of the American campaigns, where the great majority of the existing secret organizations were destroyed, and the conditions made it impossible and futile to establish other secret organizations after this model.

2. We need to concentrate the research on the methods of the open fronts, and the methods of individual jihadi operational activity, along with the methods of total resistance (*al-muqāwama al-shāmila*) in order to develop them, this in order to deduct a military and organizational theory which is suitable for the coming period. This by using methods whose benefit has been established. And those two are; operational activity at the open fronts, and secret resistance through individual jihad and small cells. Before we discuss these two methods, however, it is appropriate for us to turn our attention to an important matter, and that is the necessity of planting the idea of globalizing jihad in all fields. The enemy has forced us to do so, and the conditions help us to move in that direction, in accordance with our principles which are originally universal. This is one of the axioms of the doctrine.

Our new method for jihadi operations in the Global Islamic Resistance Call is a global method and call. Likewise, the present military theory is also dependent upon moving on a global horizon. This is a basic factor in the military movement, besides being a strategy, political, and religious doctrine.





THE IDEA OF BELONGING TO THE WHOLE ISLAMIC NATION AND ITS NECESSITY FOR JIHAD

This occurs on the level of religious belief, it is a personal sense of belonging, a geographical affiliation, etc. If we go to any Muslim now, and ask him: 'where are you from?' Indeed, he will mention his country; from Egypt... from Syria... from Tunisia... from Saudi Arabia... etc... He will not mention his city first, and tell you that he is from Damascus, Beirut, Cairo or Tashkent... because he is committed to the borders of Sykes-Picot, drawn in his mind by colonialism.

What we now need to establish in the minds of the mujahidun who are determined to fight, is the true sense of belonging and commitment, which is according to the words of the Almighty: {Verily, this brotherhood of yours is a single brotherhood, and I am your Lord and Cherisher; therefore serve Me (and no other)} [al-Anbiyā': 92].

Alḥamdullīlāh, the enemy's military attack now has put us within the borders of the same map, it is called 'The middle area of operations' (*mantiqat al-'amaliyyat al-wusta*) and in practice, it includes most of the states and countries of the Arab and Islamic world. It is the same in the political field, with the ideological, economic and civilizational attack... Bush has put us all on one map, which includes the same area, and its political name is 'the Greater Middle East'.

Hence, the enemy has globalized our cause by his attack on us, *walḥamdullīlāh*. This helps those

who are not supported by belief and understanding, to move towards this universal (*umamī*) thinking, which is among the fundamentals of our religion.

One must pay attention to the fact that this universal commitment has an important military dimension, which helps us to understand the military theory of the Global Islamic Resistance Call.

Strategically speaking, this theory emerges from the universal dimension of all parts of the larger Islamic homeland (*al-watan al-islāmī*), and it cannot succeed if we take away this global universal (*umamī*) dimension.

If we should enter a jihad at the Open Fronts, and decide to confront America at the Open Front, we will find that in order for jihad succeed on any front, it requires certain strategic conditions. These conditions are only present in limited areas in the Islamic world. When these fronts need a troop of mujahidun from any Islamic country, reinforcements of different kinds of special expertise from any country will fill important gaps on those fronts whenever they emerge.

In individual, secret jihad, the operational activity also takes place on a global and universal horizon. The horizons for this operational activity open up regardless of borders and countries. The enemy occupies Iraq and we fight there, the same in Palestine now... It became a duty for the mujahidun in Tunisia, or Morocco, or Indonesia... to go to Iraq to rush to his brothers' aid... however, few are probably able to

do that, and it will become harder with time, because the apostate regimes in the areas of confrontation cooperate with America against the mujahidun. But any Muslim, who wants to participate in jihad and the Resistance, can participate in this battle against America in his country, or anywhere, which is perhaps hundreds of times more effective than what he is able to do if he arrived at the open area of confrontation.

It is absolutely necessary to have a sense of commitment to the Islamic Nation and its world, in the geographical, political and military dimensions and in every field.

Whoever looks at these established borders, curved and strangely twisted as they are when they draw the maps of our countries, see the drawings by the pens and rulers of the infidels in the colonial powers' ministries. It is strange, then, that these borders have been engraved in the minds and hearts of the majority of the sons of this Islamic Nation. It is astonishing that this catastrophe is not older than a few decades only. It happened after the downfall of the Islamic Nation's broad political entity in 1924, with the fall of the last of the symbolic Caliphs of this nation.

We must open the minds and hearts of the Islamic Nation's youth, so that they feel commitment to the Islamic Nation as a whole. This is a fundament in the religion and the faith, as well as in the politics and the strategic military concept.

Now, let us move on to our military theory. □



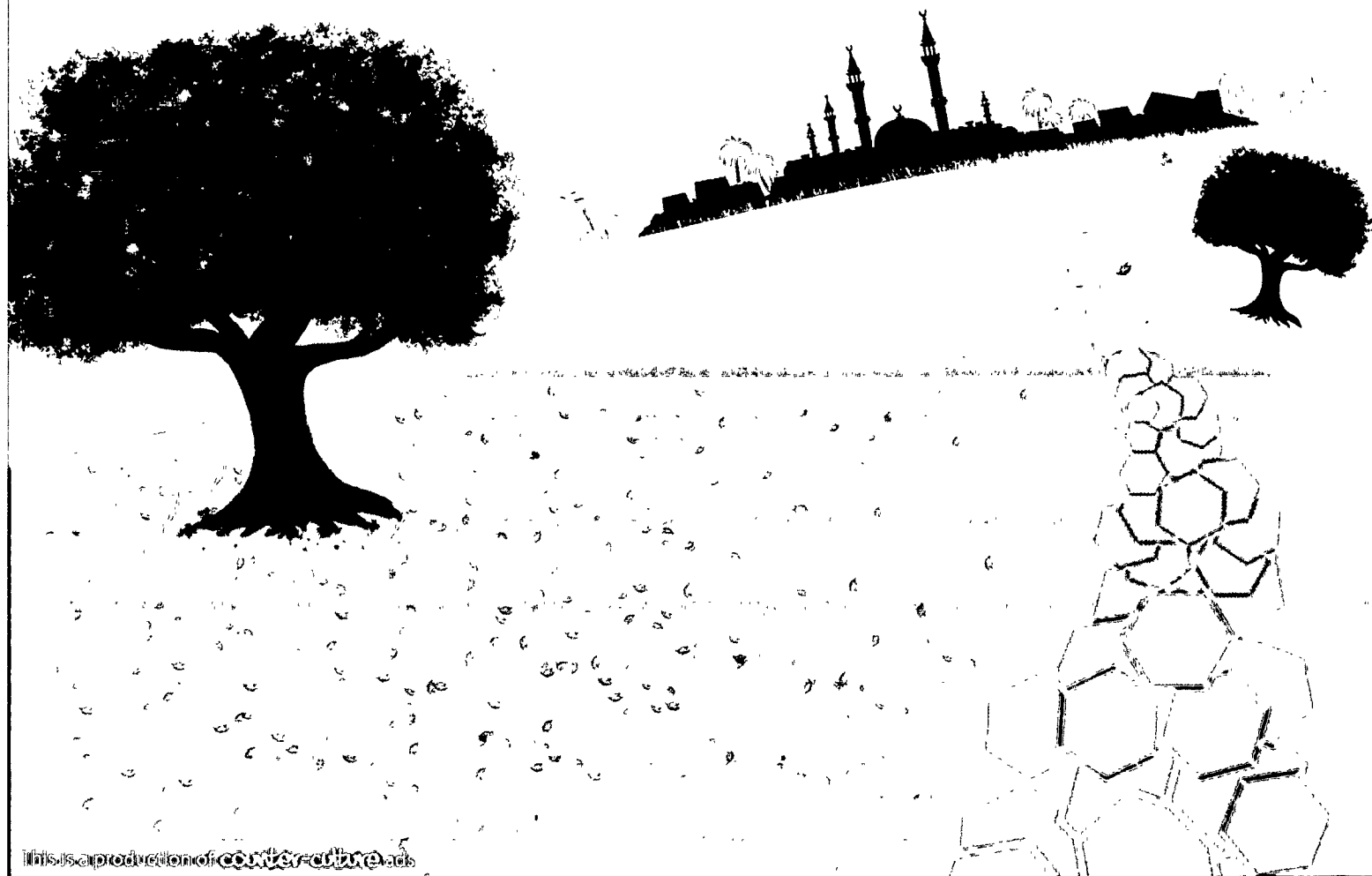
In the next edition of Jihadi Experiences, al-Suri describes his military theory: "The jihad of individual or cell terrorism, using the methods of urban or rural guerilla warfare, is fundamental for exhausting the enemy and causing him to collapse and withdraw, Allah willing. The Open Front Jihad is fundamental for seizing control over land in order to liberate it, and establish Islamic law, with the help of Allah. The Individual Terrorism Jihad and guerilla warfare conducted by small cells, paves the way for the other kind (Open Front Jihad), aids and supports it. Without confrontation in the field and seizure of land, however, a state will not emerge for us. And this is the strategic goal for the Resistance project."

Don't seek help from materialism...

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اسْتَعِينُوا بِالصَّبْرِ وَالصَّلَاةِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الصَّابِرِينَ

O you who have believed, seek help through patience and prayer. Indeed, Allah is with the patient.

[al-Baqarah: 153]



Obama's Ploy and the Peak of Islam

shaykh ibrahim al-banna*



Jihad is the peak of Islam and the operation that the mujahidin performed on the 11th of September represents a virtuous act. The mujahidin performed their duty against American oppression. The mujahidin by the will of Allah will carry on jihad to establish justice between mankind and to remove American oppression and tyranny. America is arrogantly corrupting on earth and has killed innocent women and children in Afghanistan, Iraq, Somalia and Yemen through their bombings. America has killed more than a million and a half Iraqi children during their ten-year embargo on that nation.

We would like to say to the American people that your president Obama is deceiving you in his claim that his war is a war against al Qaeda rather than a war against Islam. This is a crusade just as his predecessor Bush has declared and Obama is following his footsteps and Muslims understand this fact. We will not

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stop targeting you on your soil and elsewhere as long as you are occupying our land and bombing our homes and killing our children, women and elderly, and as long as you are supporting the Jews in their occupation of Jerusalem.

Realize that the heroic mujahidin who sacrificed their lives for the sake of Allah on 9/11 have given a great example of sacrifice and defending their religion and people according to what was revealed in our holy book: **{Indeed, Allah has purchased from the believers their lives and their properties [in exchange] for that they will have Paradise. They fight in the cause of Allah, so they kill and are killed. [It is] a true promise [binding] upon Him in the Torah and the Gospel and the Qur'an. And who is truer to his covenant than Allah? So rejoice in your transaction which you have contracted. And it is that which is the great attainment} [at-Taubah: 111]**

We invite you to read our holy book and to believe in it to be saved from the punishment of Allah on the Day of Judgment.

The American people need to think long about this great event that changed history; this strike that hurt America militarily and economically, and exposed the lies of the American media. We will not let you enjoy peace as long as we do not live it in our lands and in Palestine.

We give away our souls cheap for the sake of Allah in order that humanity may enjoy peace and justice under the shari'ah of Allah and to have our souls climb up to Paradise under the throne of Allah. □



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WHAT TO EXPECT IN JIHAD

MUKHTAR HASSAN - Living amongst the heroes of Islam in the Arabian Peninsula has made me come to many realizations about how guerrilla warfare is conducted by the mujahidin. Before embarking upon the journey to the ummah's mujahidin, I was always under the impression that fighting either directly or indirectly was what I would be doing most of the time. The reality is not quite like that. I have realized that living with the mujahidin will actually retransform one's life style and habits to something that is closer to Allah's pleasure. In this series of notes I have jotted down, I will be sharing those experi-



Attacking the West helps the global cause

Why not the West?

If you're coming from the West, you might be asked by the mujahidin why you didn't partake in the jihad inside your country. If you tell them, "to help the mujahidin," many will tell you that attacking the enemy in their backyard is one of the best ways to help the jihad. Nevertheless, they'll be exceptionally happy to have you in their ranks. They certainly will not force you to go back home, but they will leave that option open for you in case you change your mind & decide to attack the enemy back home. Put yourself in the shoes of the leadership for a moment. They have with them an individual who is not wanted by the intelligence services and they could use that person to further the Islamic cause. That person is you. I strongly recommend all the brothers and sisters coming from the West to consider attacking the West in its own backyard. The effect is much greater, it always embarrasses the enemy, and these types of individual attacks are nearly impossible for them to contain.

Base-to-base

The bases vary all throughout the region. Some the rules for most bases include not traveling outside the base whatsoever, speaking in a low voice, not shooting your gun, and not using the cell phone. In some cases, there are bases that forbid the use of electronic equipment.

When living in the base, make your time useful. The days will go by slowly. If you can speak the local language, try to benefit from the company of the mujahidin. If you are not assigned to any obligations, do your best to spend a good portion of your time memorizing the Qur'an and doing other acts of 'ibadah. Get accustomed to reading books as they are the best of companions; it never bothers you; it is always available when you need it, and it will further your comprehension in any matter you are interested in. There is so much to do in your free time. Here are some more activities: Spend quality time with your brother(s), do extra salah, make extended du'a, exercise, study military manuals, practice fighting moves and various military strategies, research medicine and healing techniques, watch beneficial documenta-

ries, learn to cook food, wash everyone's clothes, and clean the place of stay.

You will begin to realize the importance of having free time when you lose it. So take advantage of your free time, and spend that time wisely.

Additionally, not witnessing battle for extended periods of time is what many of us go through. In Iraq, there was a group of mujahidin who stayed inside a house for three months straight and witnessed no fighting even though the fighting was hot and active on a daily basis. Also a brother from Afghanistan told me that he remained there for a year and only took part in an operation once. These are not unique cases; this is completely normal. In the lands of jihad, you get to taste the fruits of sabr. The downtime in jihad is a blessing from Allah and not a negative aspect. It gives a chance to perform righteous deeds, gain knowledge and correct the soul's intentions.



Get accustomed to downtime



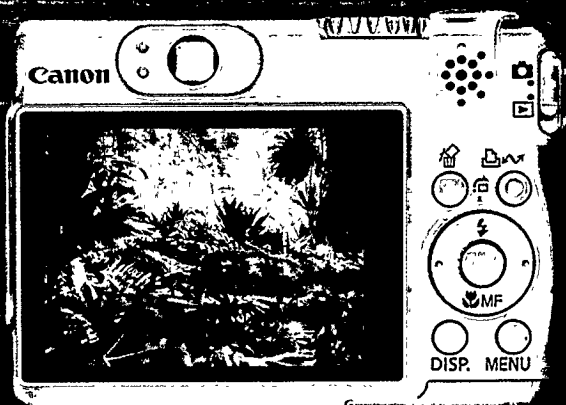
Bolster your soul through worship

Living outdoors

Living outdoors will be the most difficult of bases to stay in. In some bases, it won't be too bad since the mujahidin will erect tents and there might be some basic comforts. It is possible though that there will be times where none of this will be available and you will have to sleep on sand, rocks or grass. They may or may not have blankets and sleeping bags available.

As for the weather, you should do some research into the country before arriving as to know what it's like during the day and night, especially in deserts, mountainous regions and forests so that you come prepared. Also, the type of weather should help you determine what kind of footwear to purchase.

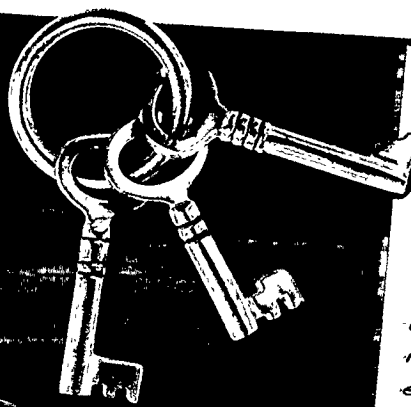
You should get used to taking off your shoes everyday to avoid running into foot problems. A friend of mine who fought in Tora Bora told me that there was a brother who would take his boots off every three days but he didn't do a good job of washing his feet thoroughly; after some time, he developed a strange foot disease. After that, he could no longer walk. Take good care of your feet and wash them properly. As a guerrilla fighter, you will be on your feet most of the time.



"It's a secret"

One of the pillars of contemporary jihad is secrecy. If its members don't practice this amongst themselves, it is possible for the movement to fall apart. What is meant here by secrecy is hiding from the people your personal information except for those details that the Amir has allowed. This is because if a mujahid is captured by the enemy and is interrogated through torture, he might give away your details. This may have far reaching consequences if you are not wanted. So for example, if I am British but of Indian descent, I tell the brothers I'm from Bangladesh. Or if you tell them "amniyat" which means it's a secret trust, they will understand that it's a secret and will avoid asking into a complete robot and not respond to the brothers when they talk to you. All you need to do is be careful when talking or responding to a question.

Mukhtar Hassan



THE OPERATIONS OF ABYAN IN IMAGES



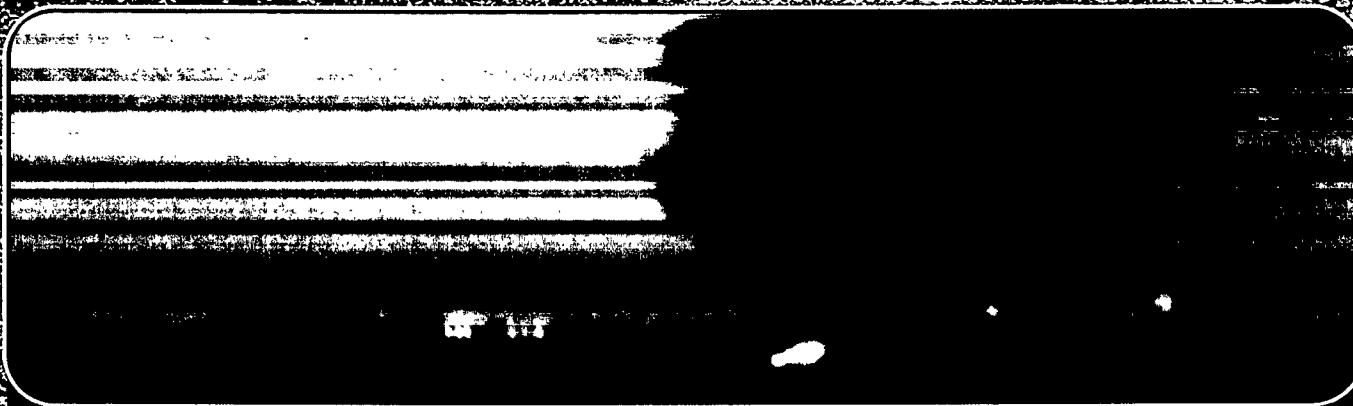
WITH THE HELP OF ALLAH ALONE, YOUR BROTHERS IN THE AL QAEDA ORGANIZATION OF THE ARABIAN PENINSULA HAVE TAKEN PART IN MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE TAGHUT OF YEMEN IN THE CITY OF LAWDAR. THIS SECTION IS TO SHOW YOU SOME OF THE OPERATIONS BY THE BROTHERS.



THE MUJAHIDIN, AFTER MAKING PREPARATIONS AND PUTTING THEIR TRUST IN ALLAH, SET OUT BEFORE MAGHRIB TIME TO ATTACK A CHECKPOINT OF THE MURTADIN.



THE MUJAHIDIN WERE ABLE TO KILL 12 MURTADIN. ONE OF THEM HID INSIDE THE BASE AND WAS ABLE TO INJURE 1 MUJAHID. THE MURTAD WAS THEN BLOWN UP BY THE GAS TANKER.



THE MUJAHIDIN TURNED THE CHECKPOINT INTO A BLAZING FURY, SETTING AN EXAMPLE TO OTHER MURTADIN TROOPS TO NOT BE AN OBSTACLE TO THE BANNER OF TAWHID.



CHECKPOINT ATTACK



THE MUJAHIDIN WALKED A VERY LONG DISTANCE IN SEARCH OF TERRIFYING THE ENEMIES OF ALLAH AND BRINGING DESTRUCTION TO THEM. THEY WERE LIONS IN HUNT OF ITS PREY.



THE MUJAHIDIN WAITED PATIENTLY FOR THE MUSLIMS TO LEAVE THE AREA; THEN THEY ATTACKED FEROCIOUSLY. THIS IMAGE WAS TAKEN AT THE MOMENT THE MUJAHID PRESSED THE TRIGGER.



AFTER TEARING APART THE BASE OF THE MURTADIN, THEY MADE A SUCCESSFUL RETREAT. THERE WERE NO INJURIES OR CASUALTIES FROM THE SIDE OF THE MUJAHIDIN.



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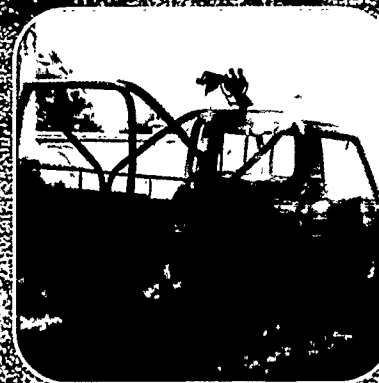
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THE MUJAHIDIN PREPARED PLENTY OF 'RAMADAN GIFTS' FOR THE ARMY OF APOSTASY.

THIS IS THE FATE THAT AWAITS THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS ON THE HANDS OF THE MUJAHIDIN

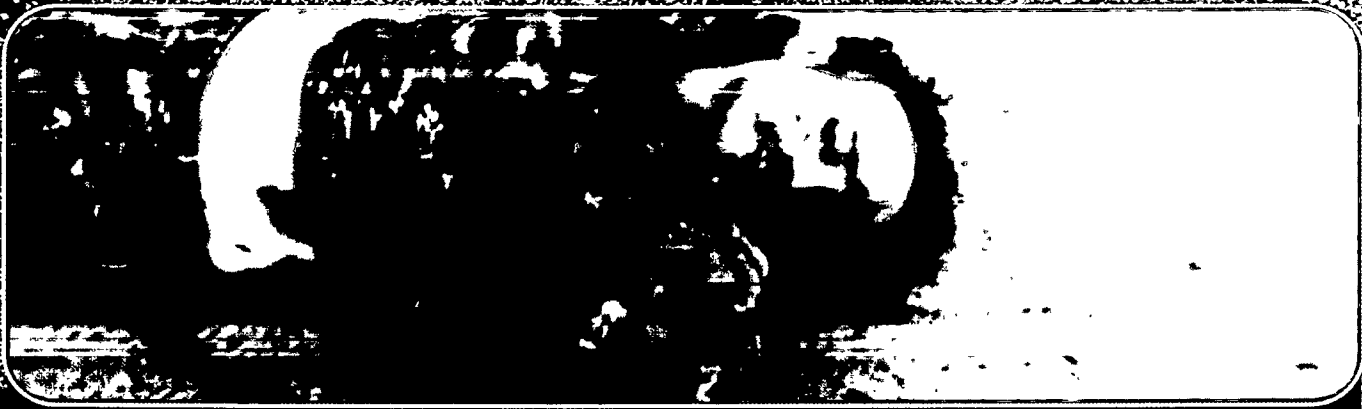
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INTENSE EXPLOSIONS





DEAD GOVERNMENT SOLDIERS FROM THE ELITE SPECIAL FORCES OF THE YEMENI ARMY.



WHY SHOULD SOMEONE GIVE UP HIS LIFE FOR FIGHTING AGAINST THOSE WHO WANT TO ESTABLISH TAWHID?



GHANIMAH WAS PLENTY AND SOME OF IT WAS GIVEN OUT TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT ASSOCIATED WITH AQAP. THE PEOPLE ARE HAPPY ABOUT AQAP'S PRESENCE AND SUPPORT THEM.



CLEANING THE STREETS

Dr. Ayman al-Zawahiri, may Allah preserve him, said:

“Uniting of the Ummah must
be around the word of
Tawheed

And the unity of the Ummah
cannot possibly be achieved
on the basis of compromise
on the Shari’ah’s right to rule

Nor on the basis of respect
for international resolutions

Nor on the basis of respect
for the international accords
which approve the ravishing
of the Muslims’ lands.”

[Taken from ‘The Open Meeting with Shaykh Ayman al-Zawahiri’]



domination after they exterminated the Ottoman *Khilāfah* and divided it amongst themselves into zones of influence. They destroyed the *Khilāfah*, established control over the international community and then came up with these treaties; and we were not there at the table, we had no representation whatsoever, we were completely and utterly ignored in the decision making process on the world stage. We were not even present at the signing ceremonies. So why are we bound to those treaties? What kind of *fiqh* or logic would make such treaties binding on us? We had no part and no say in any of these treaties. We only have a presence in the crammed hall of the general assembly of the United Nations, but not at the Security Council which is still off limits to the 50 plus Muslim states.³

Probably they should read up a bit and refresh their memories with, not wars of the past centuries, but the wars fought recently by these particular democratic nations they are trying to protect.

They should remember WWII, the most devastating war man has ever fought; the war in which the greatest number of soldiers and civilians ever died. It was also the first war in modern history where the number of civilians killed was greater than the number of soldiers. About 30 million soldiers and about 50 million civilians lost their lives in this brutal war. Then came Korea, Vietnam, and now Iraq and Afghanistan. For the last fifty years the Palestinian dilemma has been a shameful chapter in the book of humanity. Have we already forgotten the war of the Balkans where Europe watched in silence the genocide of European Muslims?

³ It needs to be noted that I am only describing the current state of affairs. By no means should it be understood to be an approval of Muslims states being part of the United Nations.

So what exactly do they mean by "security and peace have been achieved for the entire humanity?"

Following are the conclusions the scholars have reached:

Ibn Taymiyya's fatwa concerning Mardin can under no circumstances be appropriated and used as evidence for leveling the charge of *kufr* (unbelief) against fellow Muslims, rebelling against rulers, deeming game their lives and property, terrorizing those who enjoy safety and security, acting treacherously towards those who live (in harmony) with fellow Muslims or with whom fellow Muslims live (in harmony) via the bond of citizenship and peace. On the contrary, the fatwa deems all of that unlawful, notwithstanding its original purpose of supporting a Muslim state against a non-Muslim state. Ibn Taymiyya agrees with all of this, and follows the precedent of previous Muslim scholars in this regard, and does not deviate from their position. Anyone who seeks support from this fatwa for killing Muslims or non-Muslims has erred in his interpretation and has misapplied the revealed texts.

Overall the language used in this declaration is not that of Islamic jurisprudence but is more a language of a combination of lawyers and peace activists. One may understand that out of their desire of brevity they did not include the textual evidence for their sweeping blanket statements and conclusions but that wouldn't be much of a problem if these conclusions were in line with Islamic law, but they are not.

The statement declares that we cannot level the charge of *kufr* against fellow Muslims, we are not allowed to rebel against rulers, and we are not allowed to terrorize those who enjoy safety and security.

We are not allowed to level the charge of *kufr* against fellow Muslims, which is true. But when a Muslim does commit *kufr bawāh* (open unbelief), the charge of *kufr* does

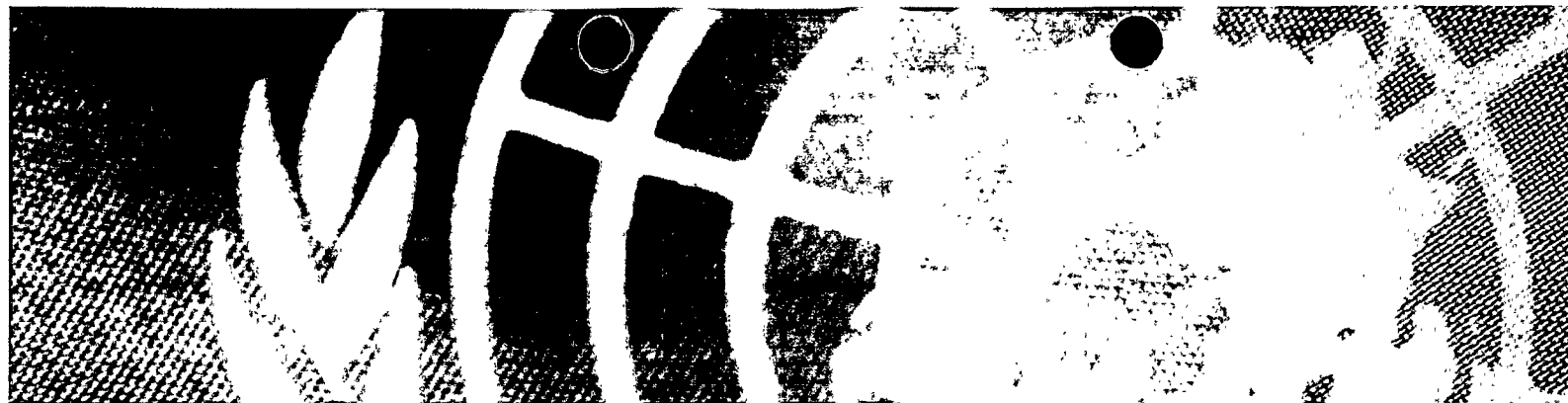
need to be leveled against him. Muslims should level the charge of *kufr* against those whom Allah and His Messenger ﷺ, considered as disbelievers, not more, not less.

Concerning the rulers: if they are Muslim, but oppressive, *ahl as-Sunnah* have two opinions: the first is they are allowed to rebel against them and this was what happened during the early generations: The revolt of al-Hussain against Yazid, Abdullah bin al-Zubair against Marwan, Abdul Rahman bin al-Ash'ath against Abdul Malik, Muhammad al-Nafs al-Zakiyyah and Zaid bin Ali against the Abbasids.

The second opinion: We are not allowed to rebel against the Muslim ruler even if he is oppressive and this is the majority view. Our classical scholars reached this conclusion after studying our early history. Their view is that the rebellions against the oppressive rulers brought more evil than the oppression of the rulers.

However, and this is the crux of the matter: If a ruler has committed disbelief then it is obligatory to revolt against him. This is a matter of consensus among the classical scholars of *ahl as-Sunnah*.

The declaration goes on to claim that we may not terrorize those who enjoy safety and security. To throw out such a blanket statement that we are not allowed to terrorize those who enjoy safety and security in light of the present state of the world is another reckless statement. According to these scholars, we the Muslims are not allowed to terrorize the Israelis, or the Americans, or the British who are living in safety and security while millions of Muslims are being terrorized by them. We are told to never mind the insecurity of the Palestinian or the Chechen or the Kashmiri. Never mind them. We are simply not allowed to terrorize,



period.

No. We do not agree with that. We do not agree with that because Allah ﷻ says: {And prepare for them what you can of strength and steeds of war that you may terrorize with it the enemy of Allah and your enemy} [al-Anfāl: 60]

We say that whoever terrorizes us, we will terrorize them and we will do what we can to strip them of their safety and security as long as they do us the same. They continue:

The classification of abodes in Islamic jurisprudence was a classification based on ijtihād (juristic reasoning) that was necessitated by the circumstances of the Muslim world then and the nature of the international relations prevalent at that time. However, circumstances have changed now: The existence of recognized international treaties, which consider as crimes wars that do not involve repelling aggression or resisting occupation; the emergence of civil states which guarantee, on the whole, religious, ethnic and national rights, have necessitated declaring, instead, the entire world as a place of tolerance and peaceful co-existence between all religions, groups and factions in the context of establishing common good and justice amongst people, and wherein they enjoy safety and security with respect to their wealth, habitations and integrity. This is what the Shari'ah has been affirming and acknowledging, and to which it has been inviting humanity, ever since the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him) migrated to Madina and concluded the first treaty/peace agreement that guaranteed mutual and harmonious co-existence between the factions and various ethnic/race

groups in a framework of justice and common/shared interest. Shortcomings and breaches perpetrated by certain states that happen to scar and mar this process cannot and should not be used as a means for denying its validity and creating conflict between it and the Islamic Shari'ah.

The classification of abodes in Islamic jurisprudence is exactly that: a classification. It is not some sort of innovative new law. It is simply a classification based on the many textual references on the subject. When Ibn Taymiyyah introduced his modified classification, that was based on the new situation of Muslims living under non-Islamic rule; it was based on this new circumstance but there was no changing of the rulings and it was in line with Islamic teachings. It was simply, a change in the classification. What we are presented with here in this declaration is not merely a reclassification of abodes, but a thorough revision of *usūl* (Islamic principle tenets or foundations) based on a new world order agenda.

"The existence of recognized international treaties..." They are recognized by the ones who set them and not by us.

"...which consider as crimes wars that do not involve repelling aggression or resisting occupation." Not at all. The international community does not consider the U.S. invasion of Iraq and Afghanistan to be a crime. It does not consider the Israeli occupation of the land of pre-1967 to be a crime. Nor does it consider China, India, or

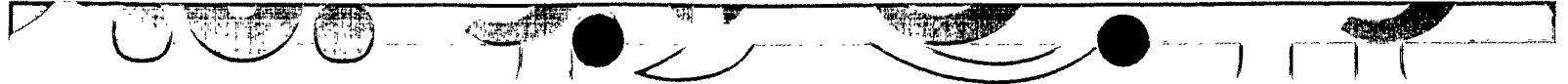
Russia as criminals in their respective occupation of Muslim lands. It does not consider Spain to be criminal in its occupation of Ceuta and Melilla (let alone considering it to be criminal for occupying the entire Iberian Peninsula from the Muslims).

So what do they exactly mean by these international treaties?

This declaration is out of touch with the realities on the ground.

When they say: "...the emergence of civil states which guarantee, on the whole, religious, ethnic and national rights," The civil states referred to here have banned the niqab and fiercely defended the right to defame Muhammad ﷺ. They allow a very restricted form of personal worship that does not truly accommodate for the comprehensiveness of Islamic practice. The civil state has more authority over the wife and children than the Muslim head of the household. The law of Allah is not recognized by this civil state and the Muslim is forced to accept rulings of courts of law that are contrary to the law of Allah. So, on the whole, the modern civil state of the West does not guarantee Islamic rights.

Also, when they say: "...necessitated declaring, instead, the entire world as a place of tolerance and peaceful co-existence between all religions," Islam can never recognize and live in peaceful co-existence with worshipping a cow or an idol. Islam does not recognize *shirk*. Allah has honored us with guidance. With this honor comes the added



responsibility of sharing the light of Allah with the world.

I challenge these scholars to point out to me one - just one - Prophet of Allah who lived in peaceful coexistence with the disbelievers?

From Adam (peace be upon him) all the way to Muhammad ﷺ, not one of them, not a single one, lived with the disbelievers without challenging them, opposing them and exposing their falsehood and resisting their ways. Not one of them lived without a conflict with the disbelievers that ended up with a total and final separation between the two camps: a camp of belief and a camp of *kufur*. The disbelievers were then destroyed either through a calamity or by the hands of the believers.

This is what the Qur'an teaches us about the Prophets. A cursory study of the Qur'an would solve such confusion over what our relationship with the *kuffār* should be like.

Amongst the priorities of Muslim scholars and Islamic academic institutions, there should be the analysis and assessment of ideas that breed extremism, *takfīr* (labeling fellow Muslims as unbelievers) and violence in the name of Islam. Security measures, no matter how fair and just they may happen to be, cannot take the place of an eloquent (scholarly) elucidation supported by proof and evidence. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the ummah's religious scholars to condemn all forms of violent attempts-to-change or violent protest, within, or outside, Muslim societies. Such condemnation must be clear, explicit, and be a true manifestation of real courage-in-speaking-the-truth, so as to eliminate any confusion or ambiguity.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ warned against the *khawārij* who represented a manifestation of extremist belief and actions. There are two traits of the *khawārij* that stand out: Firstly, they use to accuse Muslims of *kufur*

based on acts that are considered to be major sins and not acts of disbelief. They considered the one who commits such sins to be destined to an eternal punishment in Hellfire. So adultery, fornication, drinking alcohol, and theft are all sins that commit a person to eternal punishment. They have also accused the companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ such as Ali and Mu'awiyah of being disbelievers.

The second trait: They kill Muslims and spare the lives of disbelievers. The *khawārij* have caused so much civil strife during the reign of the Umayyads and the Abbasids and yet, they had no record of jihad against the disbelievers. Therefore, the *khawārij* are a phenomenon that manifests itself during Islamic rule and fades away, although not completely, during times like ours. Yes, there still remains strains of *takfīr* today that are similar to those of the *khawārij* of yesterday but the problem of extremism is a problem that is most pronounced during times of the strength of the *ummah* rather than moments of weakness. In times like ours, it is the problem of the other extreme, *irjā'*, that we need to actively tackle. The *Murji'ah* went to the other extreme end of the scale and considered that no act that a Muslim might commit would take him out of the folds of Islam. For example, according to the *Murji'ah*, if a Muslim legislates laws and implements them in place of the laws of Allah, he is still a Muslim.

What we need is the middle path; the path of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and his companions; the path that follows the Qur'an and Sunnah. That is the straight path that we invoke Allah in every *raka'ah* of *Ṣalah* to grant us.

But sadly this is not what this declaration is about. This declaration does not represent the middle path.

It represents a benign version of Islam that is friendly towards the power holders of the day and stands against the changing of the status quo. The declaration calls for a blanket condemnation of "all forms of violent attempts-to-change or violent protest, within, or outside, Muslim societies."

This might be the way of Gandhi or Martin Luther King, but it is not the way of Muhammad ﷺ who said: "I was sent with the sword before the Day of Judgment."

Islam does recognize changing through force and that is what fighting *fi sabilillāh* is. Today we cannot expect Palestine, Iraq or Afghanistan to be freed again except by force. Israeli and American aggression cannot be met with pigeons and olive branches but must be met with bullets and bombs. It is through the heroic acts of the Palestinian martyrs that Israel had forsaken its dream of a greater Israel and retracted upon itself behind walls and barriers. It is because of these operations that Ariel Sharon unilaterally pulled out all Jewish settlements in Gaza. The strategy of the Palestinian resistance succeeded in exhausting the enemy and forcing it into giving concessions. It was not until internal differences within the Palestinian rank that the tide turned again in favor of the Israelis.

The rule of "what is taken by force cannot be returned except through force" is not only valid from a historical point of view but it is also the statement of Qur'an: {So fight, [O Muhammad], in the cause of Allah; you are not held responsible except for yourself. And encourage the believers [to join you] that perhaps Allah will restrain the [military] might of those who disbelieve. And Allah is greater in might and stronger in [exemplary] punishment} [*an-Nisā'*: 84]

What we see from the disbelievers today is not overtures of peace but demonstrations of might. The *āyah* makes it clear that through fighting and inciting the believers to fight – and not through concessions, appeasement, turning the other cheek or even *da`wah* – is the might of the disbelievers restrained.

At a time when American expenditure on its army is anything but decreasing, these scholars are asking us to give up any form of resistance and live as law – Western law that is – abiding citizens. They are asking us to live as sheep, as pleasantly as a flock of tame, peaceful, and obedient sheep. One billion and a quarter Muslims with no say on the world stage, stripped from their right to live as Muslims under the law of Islam, directly and indirectly occupied by the West, are asked to live as sheep. Is that the role of scholars?

America is increasing its military budget not to fight Martians but to fight Muslims. On the other hand, Iran is building the most powerful military in the region. The foundations of the empire of the Shi'a are being laid in front of our own eyes. With some foresight, one can see where this is heading. The area termed the 'Middle East' is edging towards a war on a colossal scale. The *ahl as-Sunnah* up until this moment are the weakest of the three conflicting parties. The Gulf monarchs and the military juntas have completely sold us out. Our heads of state have betrayed us at a critical moment in our history. The last thing we need is for our scholars to follow suit. The *ahl as-Sunnah* do not need more demoralization. They do not need scholars to tell them to pull the shades over their eyes and live in peace in a "civilized" world under the protection of "international treaties" when we, who are living in the Muslim world, foresee that we are

standing on the very battlegrounds of the coming world war.

Dear respected scholars: please spare us your letting down. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should either say good or remain silent."*

In trialing times like these, we need to remind ourselves with this advice.

The declaration goes on to state: "Such condemnation must be clear, explicit, and be a true manifestation of real courage-in-speaking-the-truth." Courage? Absolutely not. There is no courage in condemning Jihad. There is nothing in it but cowardice.

Muslim scholars, throughout the ages, have always stressed and emphasized that the jihad that is considered the pinnacle of the religion of Islam, is not of one type, but of many, and actually fighting in the Path of God is only one type. The validation, authorization, and execution of this particular type of jihad is granted by the Shari'ah to only those who lead the community (actual heads of states). This is because such a decision of war is a political decision with major repercussion and consequences. Hence, it is not for a Muslim individual or Muslim group to announce and declare war, or engage in combative jihad, whimsically and on their own. This restriction is vital for preventing much evil from occurring, and for truly upholding Islamic religious texts relevant to this matter.

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This statement needs elaboration. There is no explicit evidence that the permission of the Imam is needed for jihad. But the scholars deducted such a requirement from other evidence and because jihad is an act of worship with critical and encompassing consequences. However, the scholars also

mentioned a few exceptions to this rule. The one exception relevant to our discussion here is in the situation where there is no Imam or in the case where it is known that the Imam does not promote jihad. In such a case, the scholars stated that both the offensive and defensive forms of jihad should not be stopped but should be carried out by the *ummah*. Ibn Qudamah stated that in the absence of the Imam, jihad should not be stopped and the spoils of war should be divided among the fighters according to the rules of shari'ah. Ibn Rushd states that: "obeying the Imam is mandatory unless the Imam orders the Muslims to commit a sin, then he should not be obeyed, and preventing Muslims from fighting obligatory jihad is a sin."

The basis of the legitimacy of jihad is that it is either to repel/resist aggression ("Fight in the cause of Allah those who fight you, but do not transgress limits; for Allah loveth not transgressors" — *Ṣūrah al-Baqarah*, 190), or to aid those who are weak and oppressed ("And why should ye not fight in the cause of Allah and of those who, being weak, are ill-treated (and oppressed)?" — *Surah al-Nisā*, 75), or in defense of the freedom of worshiping ("To those against whom war is made, permission is given (to fight), because they are wronged; — and verily, Allah is most powerful for their aid" — *Surah al-Ḥajj*, 39). It is not legitimate to declare war because of differences in religion, or in search of spoils of war.

The justifications of jihad listed above are valid but not inclusive. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: *"I was instructed to fight mankind until they testify that there is no one worthy of worship except than Allah, and that Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah, they establish Ṣalah and they pay Zakah. Whoever does so have protected from me his blood and his wealth"* [Bukhari and Muslim].

This *ḥadīth* declares that the Muslims have a mission to bring Islam to the

world and the application of this *ḥadīth* by the Saḥābah is the best explanation of it.

The first Caliph Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) fought against the apostates and against the two superpowers of his time, the Roman and Persian Empires. The war against the apostates was to reestablish the acceptance and submission of the tribes of Arabia to the law of Allah. Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) said if they refuse to give even a bridle they used to give to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, he will fight them over it.

The wars with the Persian and Roman Empires were unprovoked and were for the prime purpose of spreading the truth to humanity. The Muslim messenger to the Persian leader said: "Allah has sent us to deliver the servants of Allah out of servitude of one another into the service of Allah, and out of the narrowness of this world into the vastness of both this world and the afterlife and out of the oppression of religions into the justice of Islam." There is no conciliatory tone in this statement and no inclination on part of its deliverer to live in "harmony" with followers of different religions. It was clear to the virtuous Muslims then, who had proper understanding of what their duties towards Allah were and who had pride in Islam, that all religions were false, and that all systems of government were oppressive, and that only Islam can offer mankind salvation in both this world and in the Hereafter. They understood that by approving others in their ways they are not doing them a favor, and they are not acting tolerantly towards them but they are doing them a disservice by not showing them the way of truth that would save them from eternal torment. Exceptions were made for the Jews and the Christians, where they were allowed to retain their

religious practices as long as they paid the *jizyah* in a state of humility. They were made to know that their religious practices were false, that Islam does not approve of either Judaism or Christianity, and that they are considered to be misguided and are destined to Hellfire. The early Muslims let the Jews and the Christians know this in the clearest and most unambiguous manner. They did this out of concern and care for them.

Regarding their statement: "It is not legitimate to declare war because of differences in religion, or in search of spoils of war." This statement is false. The pagans of Arabia were fought because they were pagans, the Persians were fought because they were Zoroastrians and the Romans were fought because they were Christian. The great Muslim Sultan Mahmud Sabaktaken fought against the Hindus because they were Hindus and he personally led his army in a risky campaign deep into the land of India with the sole objective of destroying the most revered idol in all of India. He was fighting because of this "difference of religion" our esteemed scholars of Mardin are discounting.

Allah ﷻ says: {And fight them until there is no *fitnah* and [until] the religion, all of it, is for Allah} [*al-Anfāl*: 39]

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "I was instructed to fight mankind until they testify that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah".

Fighting *fi sabilillāh* can also be for the objective of spoils of war. Most of the dispatches that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ sent from Madinah were in search of spoils of war. Badr itself was an expedition headed by Muhammad ﷺ himself in pursuit of a caravan of goods belonging to the Quraish.

In fact, the classical scholar Ibn Rajab al-Hanbali states that the purest and best form of sustenance for the believer is that of *ghanimah* (spoils of war) because it was the source of living Allah has chosen for His most beloved of creation, Muhammad ﷺ.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: "My sustenance was made to be under my spear".

It is known from the *sīrah* that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ lived off the fifth of the fifth of the spoils of war which was prescribed to him in the Qur'an. Throughout our early history, the greatest source of income for the Muslim treasury was through the revenue generated from fighting *fi sabilillāh*. Spoils of war, *jizyah* (a tax taken from the Jews and Christians), and *kharaj* (a land toll taken from conquered land) represented the most important sources of income for the Islamic treasury.

The issue of Fatwas in Islam is a serious one. It is for this reason that scholars have drawn up stringent conditions/requirements for the Mufti (the authority issuing fatwas). Of these conditions is that he must be fully qualified in scholarly learning/knowledge. Of the conditions specific to the fatwa itself is having established the proper object of application (*manat*) according to place, time, and person, circumstance, and consequence/future outcome.

The notion of loyalty and enmity (*al-walā' wa al-barā'*) must never be used to declare anyone out of the fold of Islam, unless an actual article of unbelief is held. In all other cases, it actually involves several types of judgment ranging according to the juridical five-fold scale: permissible, recommended, not recommended, non-permissible, and required. Therefore, it is not permissible to narrow the application of this notion and use it for declaring Muslim outside the fold of Islam.

Yes, *fatwa* is a serious matter and

should only be issued by those qualified. Hence, the Muslim masses today need to beware of any *fatwa* that calls for the re-interpretation of well grounded, accepted, and valid *fatwa*'s given by the classical scholars of the past whom the *ummah* accepted and recognized as righteous men of knowledge. We are living in a time when the West has publicly stated that it will use Muslim against Muslim in the battlefield and will use scholar against scholar in the battle for the hearts and minds of the Muslim *ummah*. As one CIA official stated: "If you found out that Mullah Omar is on one street corner doing this, you set up Mullah Bradley on the other street corner to counter it".

Abdullah bin Mas'ood (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "Follow those who have passed away because the living is not secure from *fitnah* (trials that may cause a person to lose their religion)."

The early generations have formulated a framework for all the issues covered in this declaration: jihad, extremism, rules of leveling charges of *kufr* against a Muslim, and *al-walā' wa al-barā'*. Therefore, there is no need to re-interpret these core tenants based on what is clearly nothing more than an approval of a worldview as defined by those in power, i.e. the West.

In closing, one has to wonder as to why there was a great emphasis placed on the *fatwa* of Ibn Taymiyyah on Mardin by the issuers of this declaration. The *fatwa* of Ibn Taymiyyah was in-line with the opinions of the scholars before him and after him. So to believe that somehow the mujahidin are so dependent on this *fatwa* and are basing their jihad on it is not the case. Many, if not most, of the mujahidin have never even heard of it.

The media has also showed interest

in the "New Mardin Declaration." Here are some of the headlines:

- Muslim scholars denounce Osama's jihad⁴
- Fatwa rules out violence, scholars say⁵
- Osama bin Laden misinterpreted jihad *fatwa*⁶
- Muslim scholars recast jihadist's favorite *fatwa*⁷

So why did the media in the West give this "New Mardin Declaration" more weight than it deserves? Is it some kind of breakthrough *fatwa* that would shake the foundations of the jihad of today? Not at all. This declaration is pretty much meaningless. Even the Mufti of Turkey, albeit for different reasons than what I mentioned, stated that it is "incredibly meaningless." This comes from a Turkish newspaper covering the event:

But top Turkish religious leaders were notably absent from the gathering. Members of local Mardin press outlets speaking with Sunday's Zaman on the sidelines of the conference noted that many locals viewed the conference with suspicion before it even began. "People are worried that the conference sponsors are connected to the British government and that the whole thing is part of some sort of effort to use Muslims' own religious texts and resources to tie their hands when it comes to issues of jihad as defense. They're worried that the conclusion of the conference will be that jihad is no longer valid in our day and age -- and that this will rule out resistance even under situations of oppression such as that in Palestine today," one journalist said, speculating that the absence of some scholars could be due to their unwillingness to be associated with an event that might prove to be locally unpopular.

However, the marketing schemes used for this "Declaration" were

4 (CNNi Report 01 April 2010)

5 (The Vancouver Sun 01 April 2010)

6 (ZeeNews.com 01 April 2010)

7 (Reuters News Agency 31 March 2010)

pretty fascinating. They gathered from different countries and went all the way to Mardin, they held an entire conference to study the Mardin *fatwa*, and then the itinerary for the conference stated that the scholars were going to have a special session for the announcement of the "New Mardin Declaration" with all the scholars signing it as if it is some kind of great manuscript and then they are to pose together for a "group photograph" for this historical moment!

The reality of the matter is that the "New Mardin Declaration" is probably more relevant at scoring points for its signatories with the West, as is apparent by the Western media hailing it, than causing any change on the course of the modern jihad movement.

Closing Comments:

Our scholars should focus more on justice than on peace. A people who have their land occupied, their resources plundered by major Western corporations, their kings and presidents are stooges who have authority to oppress and steal but no authority to act independently of their Western masters, their children and women are fair play for American firepower; such a people do not need to hear needless sermons on Islam being the religion of peace. They need to hear how Islam will bring them justice and retribution. They want to hear how Islam can help them bring an end to occupation, how Islam can allow them to live in dignity under their own system of government, and ruled by their own people. They need to be empowered and encouraged. This is the message the Muslims are waiting to hear from our esteemed scholars.

The "New Mardin Declaration" is not worth the ink and the paper it is written on. It is a disgrace for those



who agreed to take part in it, and has nothing to do with the *ummah* whom Allah described as being: {...the best nation brought forth to humanity}.

Determining the path for the future of the *ummah* was not left to our whims but was already set forth for us by the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. He said: "A group of my *ummah* will continue fighting until the Day of Judgment". He also said: "I was instructed to fight mankind until they testify that there is no one worthy of worship other than Allah". We stand firmly by these statements of our beloved Prophet ﷺ and we will, by the will of Allah, fight to uphold them and call others towards them. We stand firmly by the giant classical Imams of the *ummah* and we will not be deterred by the dwarfs of today, and we refuse all attempts of rewriting the Islamic shari'ah to kowtow to a New World Order that doesn't belong to us and must be challenged and changed.

Just as the *khilāfah* and the shari'ah rule were dismantled, we now see such dangerous attempts at dismantling the body of *fiqh* of our early scholars. This call to discard the *fatwa* of Ibn Taymiyyah should not be seen as merely a disagreement with Ibn Taymiyyah on a particular point of legislation but as part of an orchestrated effort, under the sponsorship of the West, to discard the body of work done by centuries of scholarly work by the Imams of the *ummah*. But to put it that way is to put it mildly. It is in its essence a covert attempt at abrogating all the verses of Qur'an and hadith that call for the establishment of Islamic rule, fighting aggression, and fighting for the spread of the call of Islam. According to these scholars, these rules simply have no place in the modern world. According to them there is a New World Order that necessitates a New World *fiqh*. A *fiqh* of submission, a *fiqh* of rendering what is unto Caesar to Caesar, a *fiqh* that would allow the cowards to live in peace. It doesn't matter what quality of life they live as long as they are living.

Changing the status quo is not an easy task. Rocking the boat affects everyone. The Prophets experienced the consequences of challenging the status quo that was instituted and defended by the powerful. They suffered, and their followers suffered. But that did not deter them from carrying on their mission. Today the status quo is fiercely defended by the powerful and not everyone has the courage to go against it. If you defy it you suffer. You pay a price. Those who oppose the status quo see a powerful current and they are reluctant to cross it because, in the eyes of many, to go against the tide in today's world is insanity. Sadly, today many of our scholars have opted for the option of safeguarding themselves rather than safeguarding the religion. The problem is when this personal weakness is masked under the cloak of religion, and religion is used to justify a position that cannot be justified neither by our *fiqh* nor our history.

Jihad will continue in its various forms and fighting will continue until the Day of Judgment and will not be harmed or deterred by those who betray it. □





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When you are told to go forth in the cause of Allah, you cling heavily to the earth... [at-Taubah: 38]

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INTERVIEW WITH SHAYKH ABU SUFYAN

THE VICE AMIR OF AL QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA

Al-Malahem (AM): In the beginning we welcome Shaykh Abu Sufyan al-Azdi. We begin by asking about your experience at Guantanamo where you were imprisoned for almost six years. Please tell us about the reasons of your imprisonment and how were you treated.

Abu Sufyan (AS): All praise is due to Allah who blessed us with the blessing of jihad in His path. The reason behind my imprisonment is supporting Islam and the Muslims in Afghanistan. In the battle of Qandahar Airport, I was injured and taken into Pakistan where I was later arrested by the Pakistani army who then took me to Quetta Military Hospital. The Americans came to interrogate me but I refused to speak to them. Then I was visited by interrogators from the government of al-Saud who promised to take me back to the land of the Two Holy Mosques in a specially charted medical jet but I refused to speak to them too. So the Pakistani government handed me over to the

American army in Quetta Airport. The Americans transported me from Quetta Airport to Qandahar and then to Cuba.

The treatment of the Americans was the treatment of an enemy to an enemy and this is natural but what I did not expect is to find the Americans to be a people without any principles, whether we are talking about moral principles or general human values. But also that is not unexpected from a nation that is leading the world into a moral decay that makes humans equal to animals. In fact animals have more values than some Americans. It is part of their so-called civilization to turn women into a roaming toilet which could be used casually by men. One of the things that bothered us in prison was their attempts to seduce us through their women but all praise is due to Allah, we were protected from this human trash.

Regarding torture I think that many of my brothers have already spoken

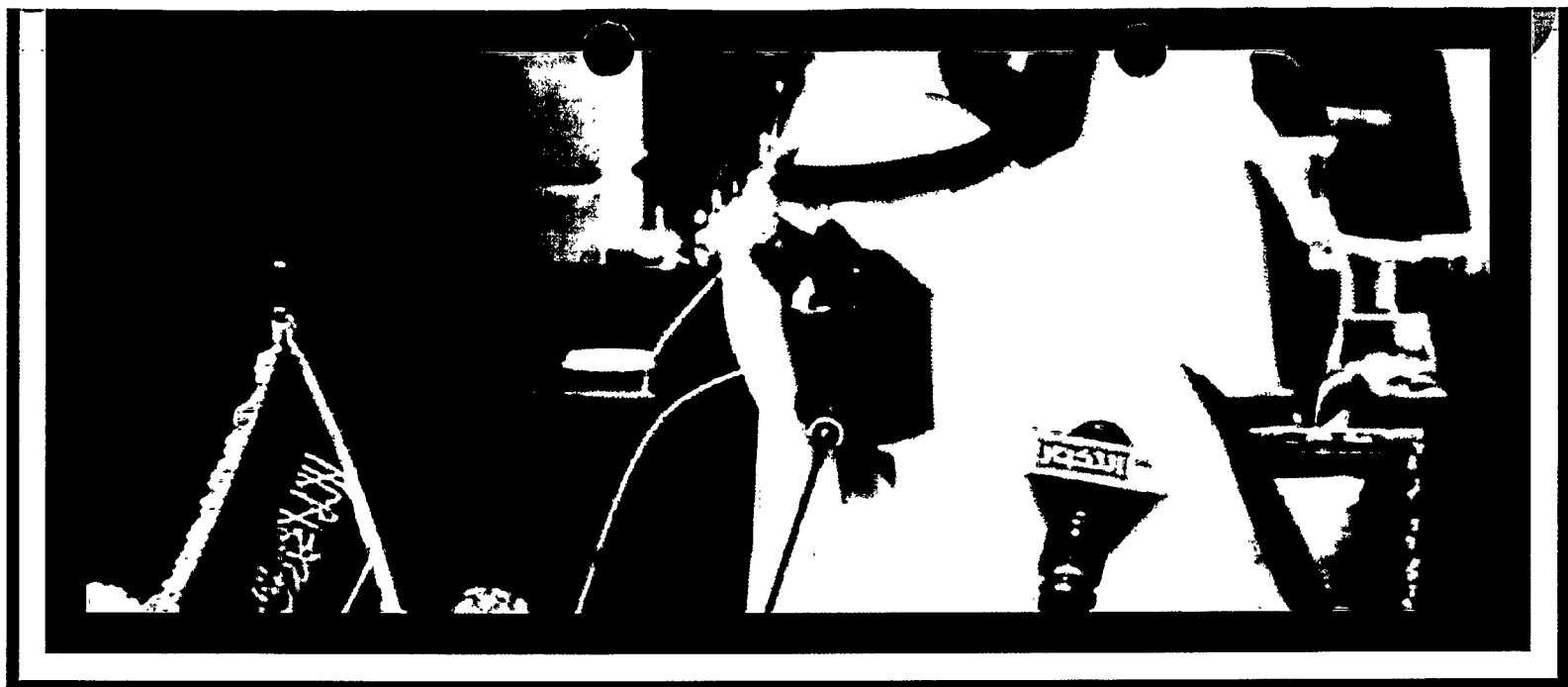
extensively about that so there is no need to repeat it here.

AM: After spending this time in prison and being exposed to this inhumane treatment, did your view of Americans change?

AS: Yes it changed. Before imprisonment I used to think that there was some bottom-line humanity left in the Americans as is found in human beings in general regardless of the differences in beliefs and the fact that we are enemies. But after I got to deal with them directly, I came to the conclusion that mankind needs to protect its humanity by fighting Americans who are the enemies of the human race.

AM: After six years of imprisonment you were released without a court proceeding and you were handed over to the Saudi government who held you in prison for seven months. Why did you head towards Yemen even though the Saudi government said that it has subjected the Guantanamo inmates to a





rehabilitation program?

AS: I headed towards Yemen because the mujahidin in Yemen have raised their banner. The Muslims are still being killed, manmade laws are still ruling over our land, the disbelievers are still on the soil of the Arabian Peninsula, and our honor is being violated. All of these are reasons why I cannot put down my arms.

The rehabilitation program you referred to was basically a set of new religious beliefs imposed by the American tyrants on the Muslim societies and is being enforced by the traitor governments of the Muslim world. Whoever goes against these beliefs is imprisoned or murdered and unfortunately there are some who wear the cloak of scholarship but have sold their religion for a cheap price and they are marketing these false beliefs on behalf of the Americans.

AM: What is your position regarding the government of al-Saud? And what do you advise the Muslims of the Land of the Two Sacred Mosques to do regarding the al-Saud government? And what is your advice to the Muslims in general?

AS: My position towards the al-Saud government is the Islamic position: They have entered into apostasy from more than one door and Islam orders me and orders every Muslim to revolt against them and fight them. Fighting Jihad against the al-Saud government is a religious duty and I invite the Muslims of the Land of the Two Sacred Mosques to revolt against them by word and deed and I ask them to support the mujahidin according to their abilities. My advice to the Muslims in general is to give support to their brothers in the Land of the Two Sacred Mosques in their fight against this government because if it falls by the will of Allah and the rule of Allah returns to it, then the rest of the Muslim lands will be opened.

AM: When you came to Yemen, a unified organization of al Qaeda was announced for the Arabian Peninsula. What were the objectives of this announcement?

AS: Yes, by the blessings of Allah we were able to correspond with our brothers in Yemen and following that we joined them. After discussing the issue, we decided to announce a joint organization for Yemen and the Land of the Two Sacred Mosques. This step

has struck fear into the hearts of the apostates and the Americans and we praise Allah for that. The base of the organization and its leadership need to be in a protected place that is not weak from a security standpoint and this is why we chose Yemen. Also we do not accept these man-made borders between our countries and we consider the Arabian Peninsula to be one country. Our leader Abu Baseer, may Allah protect him, is approved by the general leadership of al Qaeda in the land of Khurasan and he is the appropriate person for this responsibility. Working together is an objective for us, and our goal is the establishment of an Islamic state that follows the way of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and the righteous Caliphs that followed him. Our objective is not to remove these petty states only to replace them with other petty states, but we intend to unify the Muslim lands under shari'ah and this step of ours has been blessed by our brothers and leaders in Khurasan whom we gave our pledge to, may Allah protect them all.

AM: What is your assessment of the work in Yemen so far?

AS: The work in Yemen has passed

through stages. The most important stage is this last stage in which our Amir Abu Baseer – may Allah protect him – has assumed responsibility of the organization. There was a strategic change that was needed in the area and it was the blessing of Allah that has made the organization into what it is today. For the supporters of the organization it inspires hope and for its enemies it strikes fear. There are obstacles but they will be removed by the will of Allah such as the obstacle of those who have laid down their weapons and are attacking the mujahidin

invasion of both Afghanistan and Iraq. In al-Sham, Israel wants to destroy the Mosque and build in its place the Temple of Solomon and they have their plans of establishing a greater Israel. But the *ummah* is working on lifting the siege on Gaza and the mujahidin would continue their work against Israel.

AM: In your speeches and writings you frequently speak about the danger of the Shi'a. Some may wonder why this emphasis on the Shi'a when our principle battle is with America?

these arrests signal?

AS: This shows that the governments have entered into a hysterical state that has made them forget the basic morals of war. It also shows that these governments are on the brink of falling. The mujahidin need to strike at the critical points of these governments and they would fall by the will of Allah.

AM: What is your advice to the Muslims in the West?

AS: My advice to the Muslims in the

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with their tongues out of envy and ignorance and have thus made themselves servants of the Zionist-Crusader project whether they are aware of that or not. But we have comfort in the glad tidings of our Prophet who said that the victorious group would not be harmed by those who betray them or those who go against them.

AM: You have participated in the jihad against the Crusaders' war on Afghanistan and then you were imprisoned. Since you had a chance to deal with the Americans close hand, what are your expectations for the future of the area in this war between America and the Muslims?

AS: I expect, and Allah knows best, that America will withdraw from populated areas and would stay on their bases and keep their presence in the seas surrounding the area. They would try to enflame a sectarian warfare between Iran and the Gulf. The Iranian role was critical in the

AS: Allah has made it clear to us in the Qur'an that our worst enemies are the Jews and the polytheists. The Shi'a are polytheists and therefore, are amongst the worst enemies of Islam. They speak in the name of Islam but are against the Muslims of *ahl as-Sunnah*. Now the Shi'a have established a state in Iran and they have followers in the Gulf. The Shi'a now are at their highest level of military preparedness and they have an alliance with America when it comes to fighting against *ahl as-Sunnah* and this is why I emphasize the issue of the Shi'a. May Allah have mercy on Shaykh Abu Mus'ab al-Zarqawi since he knew the reality of the Shi'a very well and he drew his sword upon them. We ask Allah to grant us victory against them.

AM: Lately, the al-Saud government has arrested one of our sisters. Also in Yemen the government has arrested two sisters, one of them an Australian, the other an American of Bengali parents. In your view what do

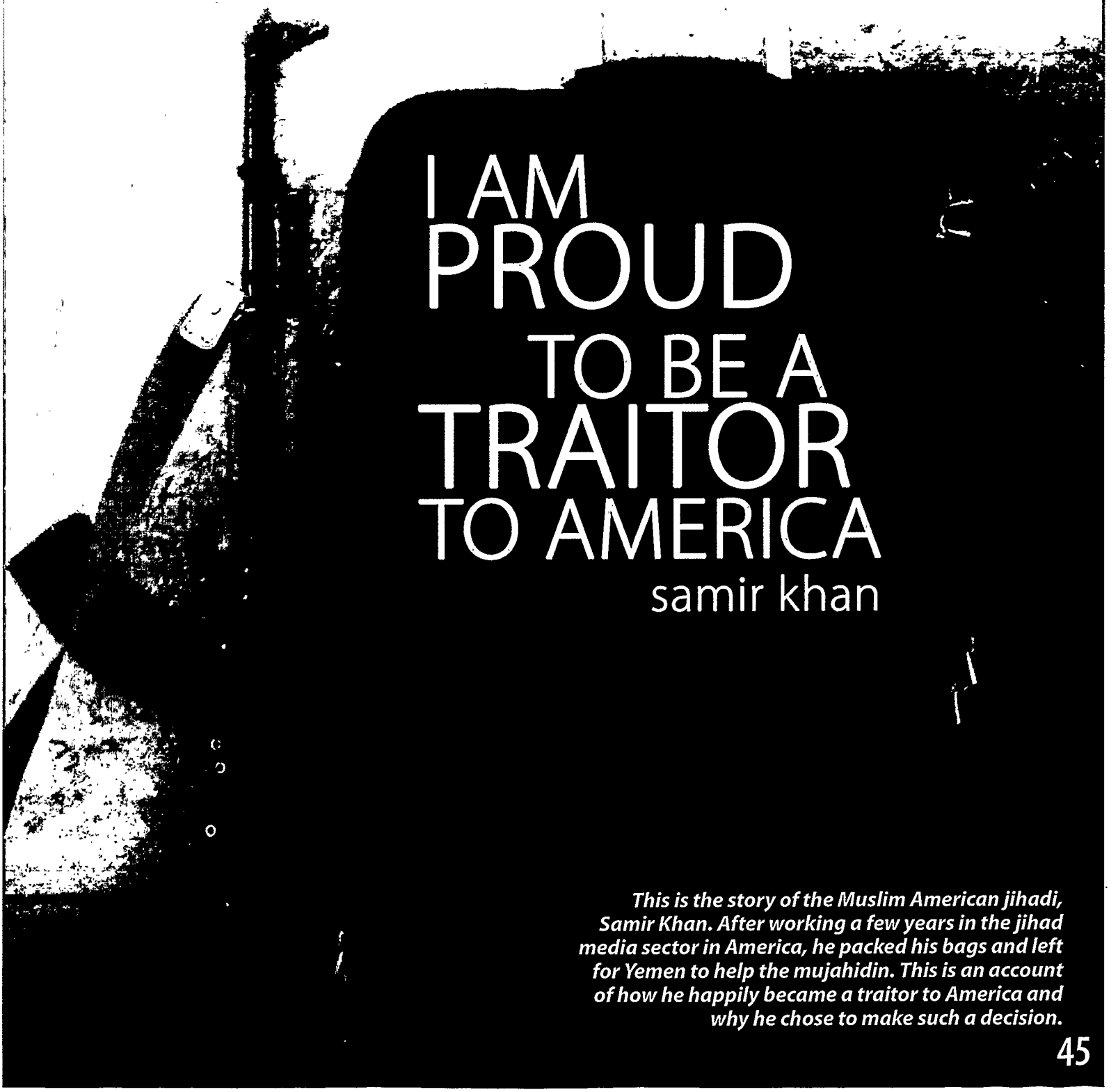
West is to praise Allah for guiding them to *imān* and allowing them to practice this great religion. I advise them to learn Islam according to the creed of *ahl as-Sunnah* and they should beware of those who speak Islam but do not practice it such as the government scholars who give *fatwa* according to the wills of their governments.

Second: They should strive to follow the command of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ who warned Muslims from living amongst non-Muslims. They should either immigrate or fight Jihad in the West by individual Jihad or by communicating with their brothers in the lands of Jihad.

Third: The operations of our brothers, Nidal Hassan and Umar al-Farouk, may Allah grant them steadfastness, are great heroic acts so whoever may add himself to this great list should do so and we ask Allah to grant them success. And all praise is due to Allah. □



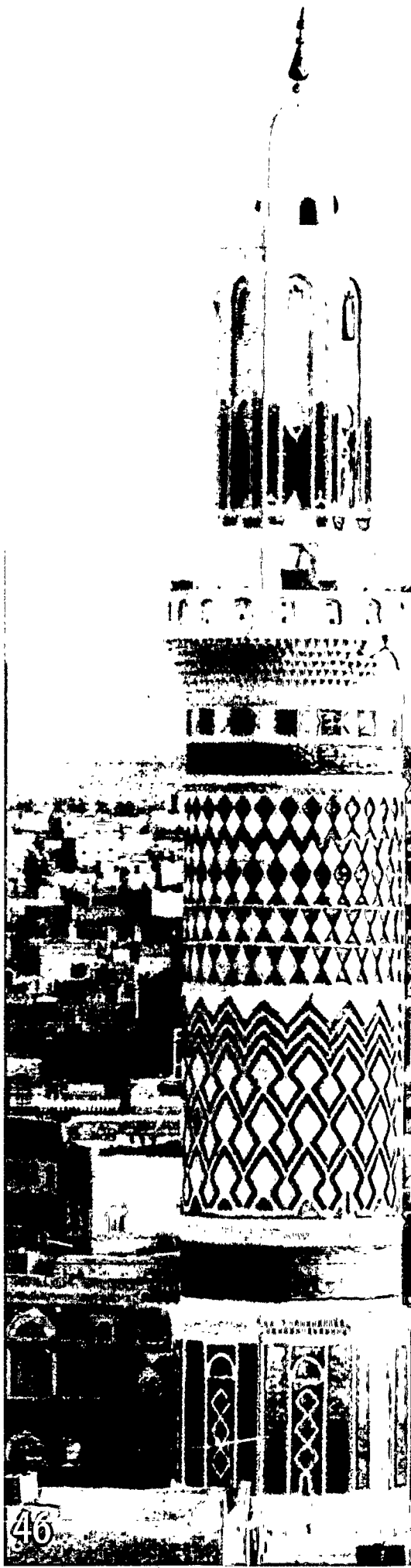
SPECIAL



I AM PROUD TO BE A TRAITOR TO AMERICA

samir khan

This is the story of the Muslim American jihadi, Samir Khan. After working a few years in the jihad media sector in America, he packed his bags and left for Yemen to help the mujahidin. This is an account of how he happily became a traitor to America and why he chose to make such a decision.



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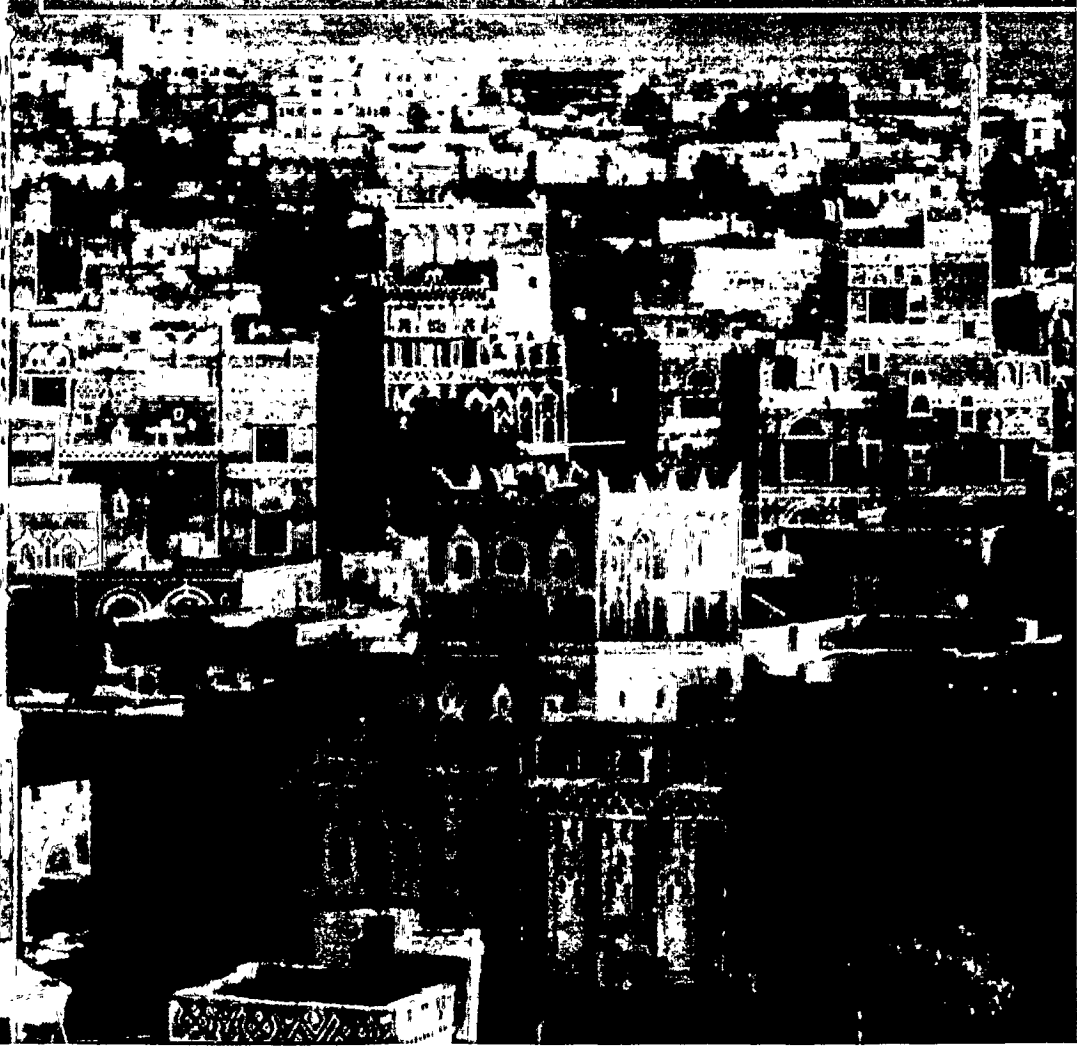
fter my faith took a 180-degree turn, I knew I could no longer reside in America as a compliant citizen. My beliefs had turned me into a rebel of


Washington's imperialism. My faith and convictions gave me strength to lambast the greatest tyrant of our time. It angered and frustrated them, while it left me in a state of peace and joy. What they were doing and continue to do in the Muslim lands is what I felt, totally unacceptable to my religion. They installed and supported pawn regimes, sweet-talked them into deals, beefed up their military, all so that they could further their political goals of establishing a modern day ubiquitous policing government that would include in its policy the containment of all Islamic resistances that work for a just Islamic order. Throughout this process to this day, they have not only raped the Islamic nations with their

what they pleased, and murdered for their 'democracy' while their donkey puppets went around capturing, killing and torturing those who have an ounce of willpower to defend their Islamic nation.

I decided to take up the pen and write out my thoughts and feelings regarding America's cowboy behavior in the Islamic lands. I knew that I had to stay under the guidelines of the laws regarding freedom of speech, but at the same time, I knew the real truth wouldn't be able to reach the masses unless and until I was above the law.

I proceeded to travel to Yemen, the land of faith and wisdom. After spending some time in Sana'a as an English teacher, I made my move quietly. I praise Allah and laugh at the intelligence agencies that were watching me for all those years. Back in the U.S., the FBI dispatched a team to Yemen to investigate my activities.





to Islam; I took this man's *shahāda* and kept him under my wing. At one point, he broke his cover, revealing his true identity. There were quite a few other incidents of regular surveillance and even one where they set me up to rain blows on an agent who pretended to be a jerk that hated me for my online work. I knew I had to rush out of America before the FBI got me in for a flimsy excuse as they have done to individuals like Tariq Mehanna. Even when in Sana'a, I caught one of their agents spying on me near my hotel. As I left Sana'a, I was surprised that they all easily fell for my cover. Throughout my experience of traveling from America to Yemen, I was expecting to be stopped and detained. But the most trouble I went through – if it's even considered trouble – was that it took thirty minutes extra to get my boarding pass in North Carolina since, as the receptionist told me, I was being watched. It still surprises me when I reflect on it; I mean, I was quiet open about my beliefs online and it didn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that I was al Qaeda to the core. That proved to my soul that if Allah wants to protect you, no one has the power on earth to harm you. I was to learn that lesson continually in close encounters with death later on.

I remember when I traveled from Sana'a, for what seemed like years,

in a car to one of the bases of the mujahidin, the driver played this one *nashīd* repeatedly. It was '*Sir ya bin Ladin*'. I already knew of this *nashīd* from before, but something had struck me at that moment. The *nashīd* repeated lines pertaining to fighting the tyrants of the world for the purpose of giving victory to the Islamic nation. But it also reminded the listener that Shaykh Usama bin Ladin is the leader of this global fight. I looked out the window at the tall mud houses below the beautiful sky and closed my eyes as the wind blew through my hair. I took a deep breath to let it all out. At that moment, I realized that my entire life would be changed by this one decision of mines. I was about to officially become a traitor of the country I grew up in for most of my life. I thought about many of the possible effects it could have on my life; but whatever they were, I was ready for it. That's because I am an individual convinced that Islam's claim to power in the modern world is not going to be as easy as walking down a red carpet or driving through a green light. I am acutely aware that body parts have to be torn apart, skulls have to be crushed and blood has to be spilled in order for this to be a reality. Anyone who says otherwise is an individual who is not prepared to make sacrifices that heroes and champions make.

As my eyes passed over the mysterious swirls of the sand dunes, I was reminded of the enigma of jihad in the contemporary world. It's just absolutely enthralling to know that guerrilla's can fight off global superpowers with the bare minimum resulting in great enemy losses, drainage of the enemy's economy and a rising popular support for the mujahidin.

After some time passed in the company of the mujahidin, I quickly acknowledged that success does not rely upon the job you undertake from nine to five, nor does it rely upon the wealth that you have accumulated, nor does it rely upon how far you have taken your studies in college. All of these things are respectable, but by being with the mujahidin, it helped open my eyes that our reason in life has nothing to do with any of these things. The only thing in the entire world that matters to me, more than ever before, is the condition of my heart when I die. From our Islamic traditions, if the heart is tainted with greed, arrogance, haughtiness, niggardliness, and such, then entering Paradise will be a difficult task. So being in jihad makes me focus on my soul's wellbeing for the purpose of being accepted by the Lord of the Worlds since death surrounds jihad although the guarantee of death is not there. Straying from the focus only brings me destruction, even if I were to own

half the world. That is my message to those who rule the Muslim lands.

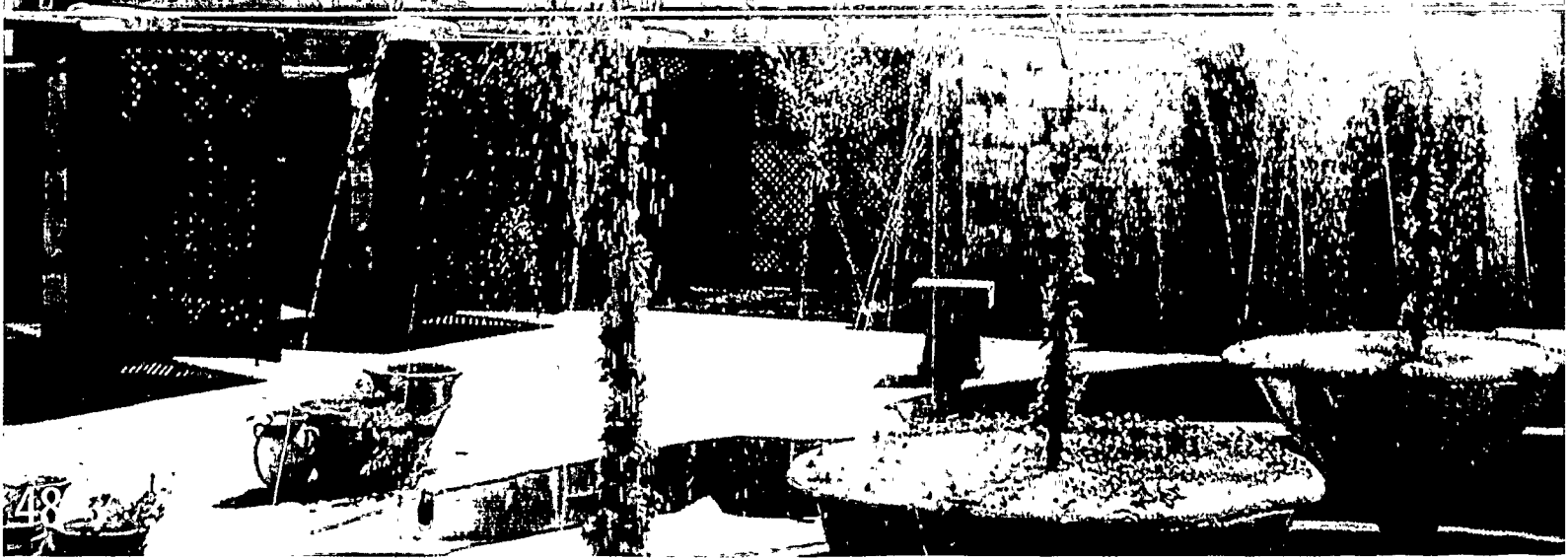
How could I become a traitor to myself by throwing away this holy odyssey? Living with myself would then be like a fish taken out of water. Thus, it only brought me gleeful tears and great joy to hear that America labels me a terrorist due to my love for correcting and straightening my soul out for the better. I have become a traitor for chasing after my love. What more evidence does one need that America and her allies hate Muslims who want to practice their religion to the very core?

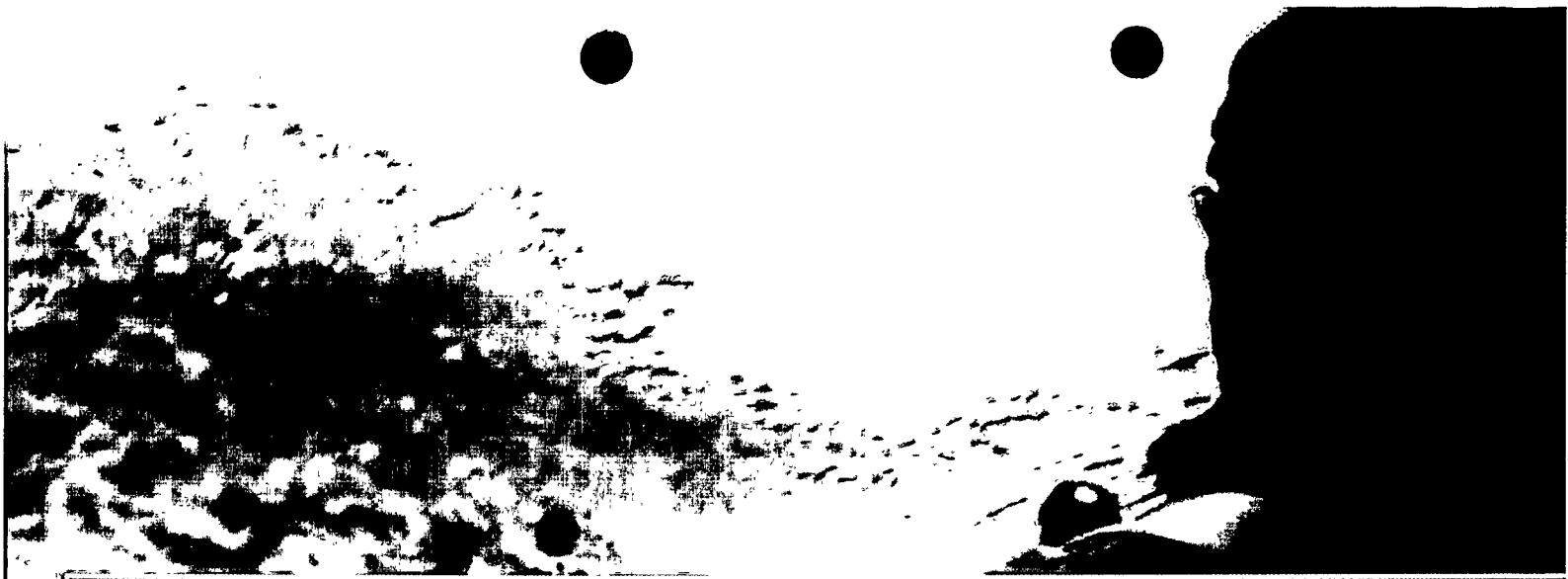
I would always laugh whenever the start of Ramadan would occur in America and the President would take a few minutes to articulate on how marvelous Islam is; almost as if he himself was to become Muslim. I would laugh because they would show this face in their country, and a different face in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo Bay. After knowing what America has accomplished in the Islamic world, what Muslim wouldn't want to be a traitor? I seriously question the veracity of one's faith when they have to think twice on taking a stand against America whether it is directly or indirectly. The list is endless when it comes to the crimes they have perpetrated upon the Islamic world. The recent leak of a 92,000-page document on the American crimes

and realities of the war in Afghanistan is really only a scratch upon the surface. America has a long history of massacring and subjugating Muslims and yet the American regime is still scratching its head on the question: why did Usama bin Ladin attack us? America, take a hint for once: *maybe you did something*. It should then come as no surprise that the Muslims in your midst – like Nidal Hassan, Faisal Shahzad, and others – became traitors of your state due to your conduct. If you don't want to spend the rest of your life worrying about preventing another attack, then take the advice of Wikileaks editor, Julian Assange: "If U.S. forces are demoralized because they have been assassinating people without going through the judicial process or because they have been engaged in civilian casualties; if they are demoralized by that, they should change their behavior."¹

With that said, my status as a traitor is not entirely a reaction to America's criminality. The core of my being is really based on religious convictions in the absence of politics. I began on this path as an Islamic activist who didn't believe in fighting any government since, as I had believed, taking on a standing army was impossible for Muslims today. I was already aware that the government's of the modern world

1. Assange, J. (2010, August). Wikileaks. BBC World News.





were not particularly happy about a shari'ah-based state that would have jihad as a part of its foreign policy. However, that didn't stop me from believing in my general Islamic obligation of working for the establishment of an Islamic State. The ninth verse of *Şūrah as-Şaff* was my inspiration: {It is He who sent His Messenger with guidance and the religion of truth to manifest it over all religion, although those who associate others with Allah may hate it}. The way I understood this verse was that Muhammad ﷺ was sent with the mission of bringing Islam to the world; not for it to only remain in the homes and mosques, but to have it as a working system of government that would shape entire societies based on the guidelines of Qur'an and Sunnah.

When my views changed regarding the obligation of jihad in this age – that it will remain individually obligatory (*fard `ayn*) upon all the Muslims of the world until all of our lands are recaptured from the occupiers – through a purely intellectual conviction from the religious texts (as opposed to pure hatred of American foreign policy), I knew at that point that my religion required me to fight America and her allies as Islam doesn't shy from stating who is the occupier. I didn't require sitting with any esteemed scholar to confirm this as the Islamic

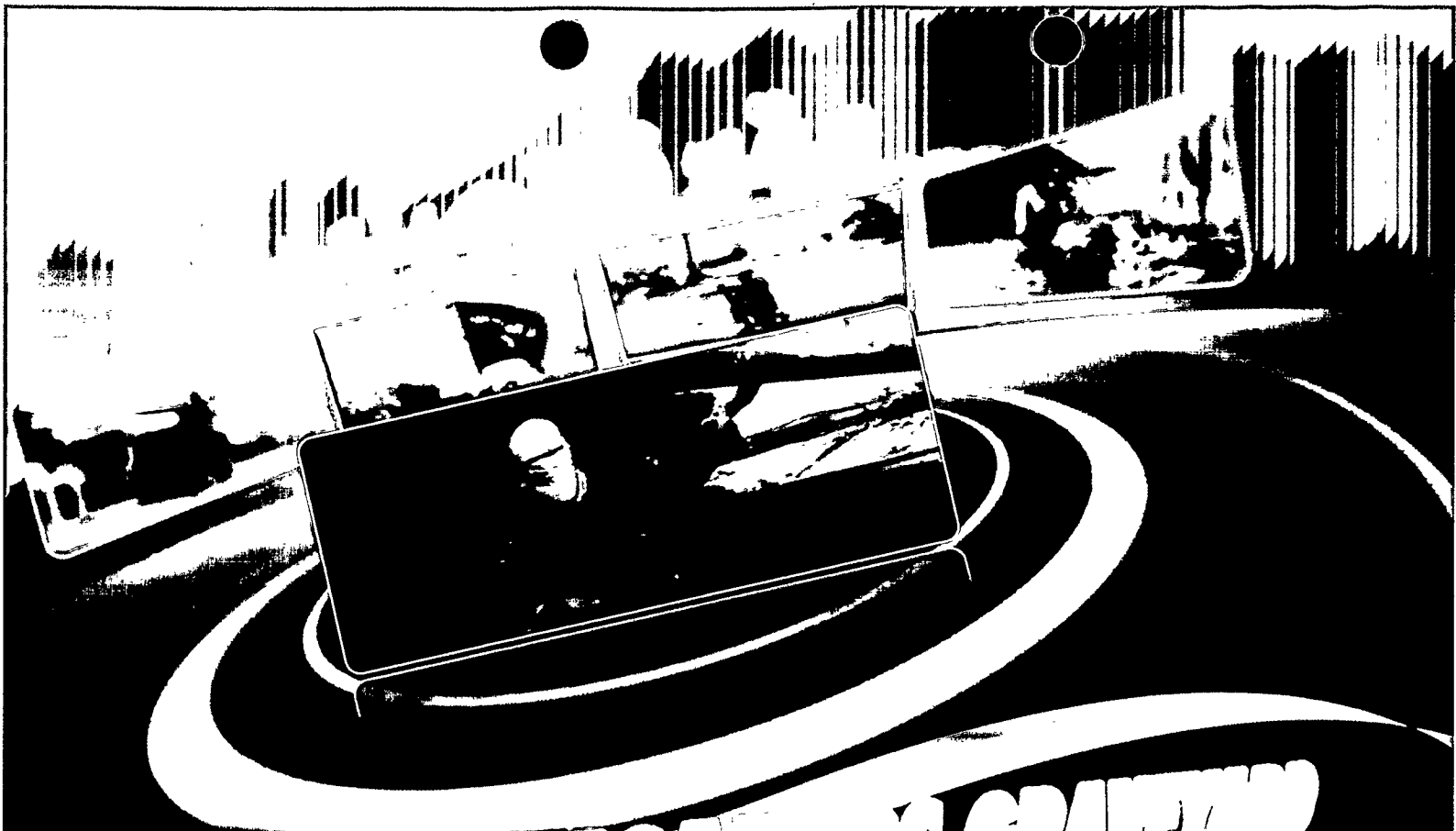
evidences supporting this position have remained irrefutable ever since the fatawa of Shaykh Abdullah Azzam became widespread; and as for many of those whom I tested, I saw fear and denial in their faces because, quite simply, the truth hurts as it requires our sacrifice to make it manifest.

I am a traitor to America because my religion requires me to be one, {although those who associate others with Allah may hate it}. I am terrifically proud to be a part of such a religion and what Muslim wouldn't? Islam has the answer to life's problems and it is what bonds humanity together for the good. The annual hajj is just one example of that. Islam requires its domination and after eighty plus years of living in a post-Caliphate world, I would think that it's about time Muslims came together to tear down the obstacles. The most important of these obstacles today is obviously America. It is America who has her military and intelligence bases spread throughout our lands in order to help protect their client governments from Muslims who work for Islam's establishment. It is America who has killed millions of Muslims around the world and is able to get away with it wearing a tuxedo. In the case of the oppressive state of Israel, it wouldn't be what it is today without heavy U.S. military and

financial backing.

A traitor can either be praiseworthy or despicable. The good and bad are defined by a certain political agenda in the eyes of someone. A traitor of Islam however only gains a loss of both worlds; the type of traitor that America prefers working with. The beauty of Islam has taught me that nobility is in the perpetuation of victorious principles and humiliation is in the inability to hold on to righteousness. Righteousness is not that you turn your face to the East or West, but that your belief in Allah remains unwavering **no matter the consequences.**

Therefore, I am proud to be a traitor in America's eyes just as much as I am proud to be a Muslim; and I take this opportunity to accentuate my oath of allegiance (*bai`yah*) and the mujahidin of the Arabian Peninsula's *bai`yah* to the ferocious lion, the champion of jihad, the humble servant of God, my beloved Shaykh, Usama bin Ladin, may Allah protect him. Verily, he is the man that has shook the thrones of the tyrants of the world. We pledge to wage jihad for the rest of our lives until either we implant Islam all over the world or meet our Lord as bearers of Islam. And how **reputable, adventurous and pleasurable** is such a life compared to those who remain sitting, working from nine to five? □



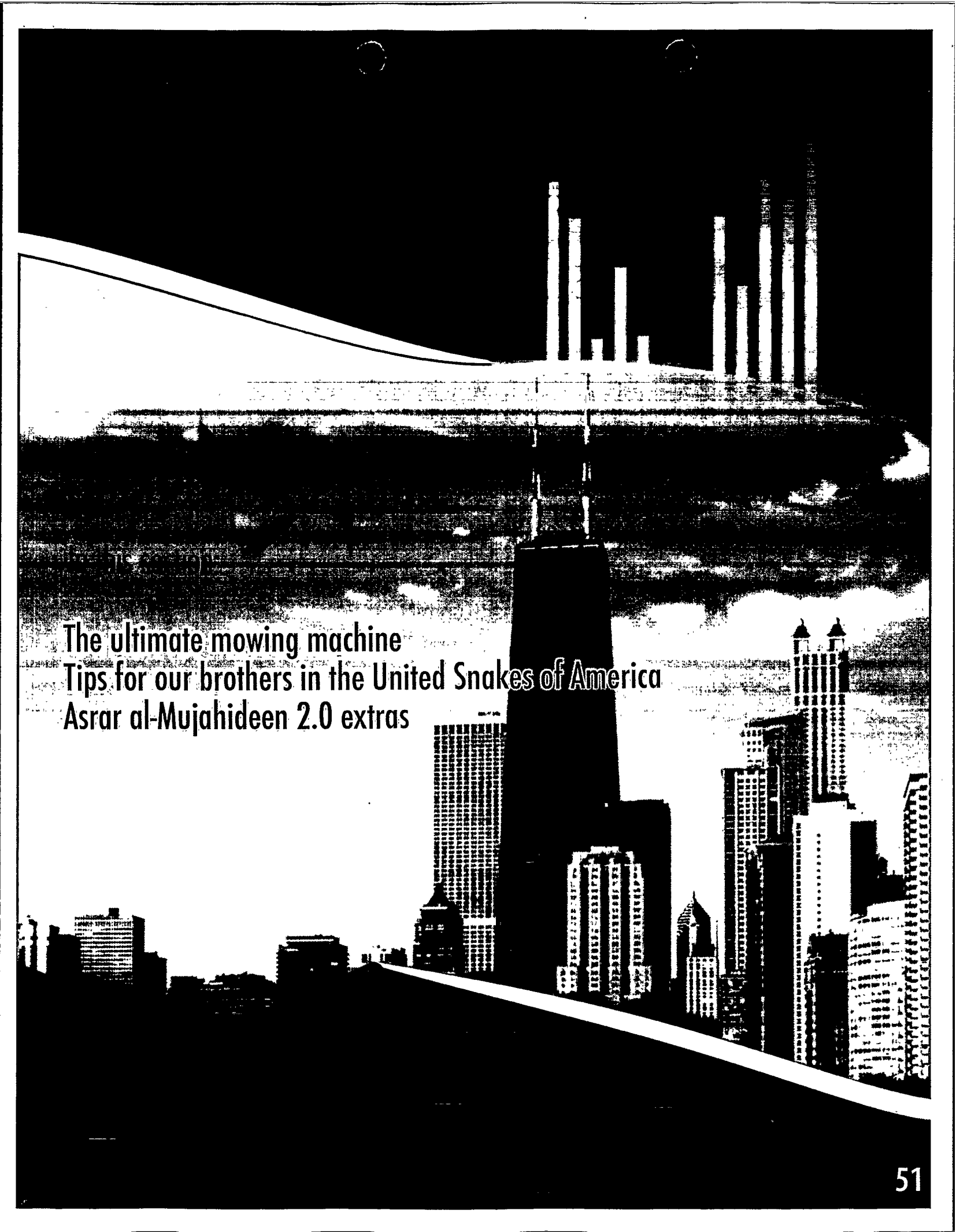
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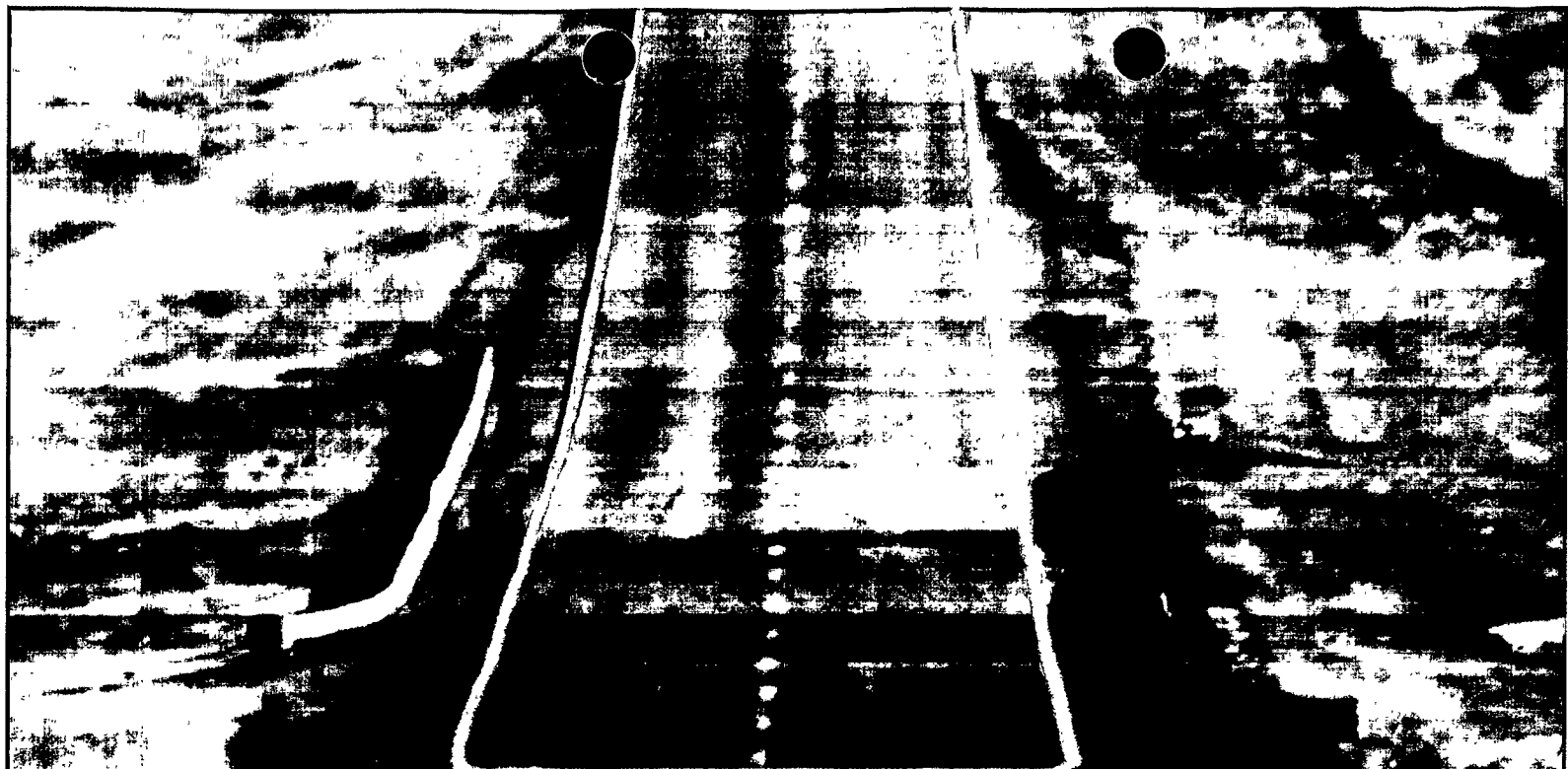
the ultimate mowing machine

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America is a terrorist state and Americans are complacent in some of the worst forms of terrorism our Muslim nation has been subjected to. Millions of Muslim lives have been lost to American brutality. It is about time Muslims wake up and payback America what is due to it.

In this section, the OSJ, we give our readers suggestions on how to wage their individual jihad. Here is one idea of how an individual Muslim may do so. It is a simple idea and there is not much involved in its preparation. All that is needed is the willingness to give one's life for Allah.



he implementation of details of this operation should be subject to the security requirements.

The idea is to use a pickup truck as a mowing machine, not to mow grass but mow down the enemies of Allah.

You would need a 4WD pickup truck. The stronger the better. You would then need to weld on steel blades on the front end of the truck. These could be a set of butcher blades or thick sheets of steel. They do not need to be extra sharp because with the speed of the truck at the time of impact, even a blunter edge would slice through bone very easily. You may raise the level of the blades as high as the headlights. That would make the blades strike your targets at the torso level or higher.

Pick your location and timing carefully. Go for the most crowded locations. Narrower spots are also better because it gives less chance for the people to run away. Avoid locations where other vehicles may

intercept you.

To achieve maximum carnage, you need to pick up as much speed as you can while still retaining good control of your vehicle in order to maximize your inertia and be able to strike as many people as possible in your first run. Keep in mind that as soon as people realize what you are up to, they would scatter and run in every direction looking for cover. They would look for areas where the vehicle cannot reach them. Therefore, it is important to study your path of operation beforehand.

The ideal location is a place where there are a maximum number of pedestrians and the least number of vehicles. In fact, if you can get through to 'pedestrian only' locations that exist in some downtown (city center) areas, that would be fabulous. There are some places that are closed down for vehicles at certain times due to the swarms of people.

If you have access to firearms, carry them with you so that you may use them to finish off your work if your vehicle gets grounded during the attack.

After such an attack, we believe it

would be very difficult to get away safely and without being recognized. Hence, it should be considered a martyrdom operation. It's a one-way road. You keep on fighting until you achieve martyrdom. You start out your day in this world, and by the end of it, you are with Allah.

This idea could be implemented in countries like Israel, the U.S., Britain, Canada, Australia, France, Germany, Denmark, Holland and other countries where the government and public sentiment is in support of the Israeli occupation of Palestine, the American invasion of Afghanistan, and Iraq or countries that had a prominent role in the defamation of Muhammad. In such countries we may strike at the public at large. As long as they target our non-combatants, we will target theirs.

This is one of many ways to implement this idea. You may modify it and add or subtract to it according to what is suitable for your particular conditions.

If Allah guides your heart to such a great operation, please leave behind a note. Tell the world why you did it.

TIPS FOR OUR BROTHERS IN THE UNITED SNAKES OF AMERICA

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Forget about the constitution, forget about your rights, and forget about the law. If the authorities suspect you, they will take you in on real charges or trumped up ones, it doesn't matter. America cares less about the law when it comes to Muslims. Therefore don't get them suspicious in the first place. Here are some tips:

- Beware of informants: If the Feds suspect you are up to something, they may try to set you up through an informant. There were quite a few brothers who were arrested using this method. The Fort Dix brothers were set up by an informant: Najibullah Zazi; and the three brothers in New York: Mahmud Faruq Brent, Rafiq Abdus Sabir, Abdulrahman Farhane, were all sold out by brothers who ended up collaborating with the authorities.

Learn your lesson: beware of individuals who are unknown to you and do not put your trust in those who pose as mujahidin.

- Do not attempt to travel overseas to join the mujahidin in an overt matter. In November 2009, five brothers from Virginia were arrested in Pakistan for attempting to join al Qaeda. Brother Zachary Adam Chesser is also accused of attempting to travel to Somalia. Therefore we strongly encourage our brothers to fight jihad on U.S. soil. In fact even if traveling to join the fronts of jihad was accessible and easy, we would still encourage them to perform operations in the West. To kill a snake, strike its head.

For those planning on executing operations:

- Take extra care and precautions when using electronic media. The Internet and mobile phones greatly facilitate communication for the mujahidin. The Internet has allowed for the spread of the jihadi doctrine and played a role in guiding many towards the truth. Mobile phones have also been used extensively by mujahidin for day-to-day communications. But for those living in the West, the brothers need to be extra cautious. The rules concerning surveillance in the West have been relaxed when it comes to monitoring Muslims and you could be arrested for the least suspicion. Therefore we advise our brothers to eliminate their using of the Internet and mobile phone except for non-jihadi related communication. If it is necessary for the work to use the mobile phone or internet, then use it with proper security measures such as using a coded language that would not raise suspicion or using encryption software from a terminal that cannot be traced back to you.

- If you are clean stay clean. Avoid contact with jihadi minded individuals. Do not visit jihadi web-sites. Do not keep in your possession any suspicious material.

- Have a convincing cover story for anything suspicious. The story needs to be good enough to convince a jury if you ever get that far.

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• Take your time. No rush. A successful operation in 6 months time or even a year or more is quite better than a rushed botched attempt that winds you up behind bars. Case out your targets. Think it out. Contemplate your best options. Look for the maximum effect. If you think you are under watch, disclose your thoughts to nobody.

• Whenever possible try to get the information you need from websites that are non-Islamic or are not related to jihad. For example you may visit sites that report on the mujahidin and cover their material such as SITE intelligence group or Memri.

Different options for operations

The Firearm Operation: Nidal Hassan and Abdul Hakim Mujahid Muhammad. It's the least suspicious if you already own a firearm. For this choose the best location. A random hit at a crowded restaurant in Washington DC at lunch hour for example might end up knocking out a few government employees. Targeting such employees is paramount and the location would also give the operation additional media attention.

The advantages of the random shooting line of operations:

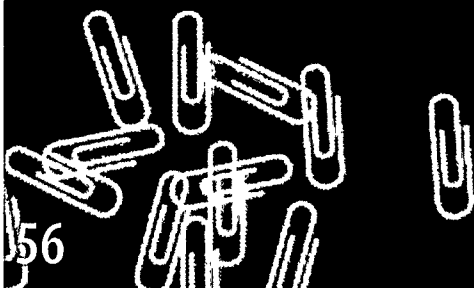
- o No one else is involved. The idea doesn't leave the mind of the mujahid. This eliminates the chances of the Feds catching wind of what's going to happen.
- o Demands the least preparation. All what is needed is the weapon, the ammunition, and surveillance of the site.
- o The fastest operation to perform. Other operations may need more time to prepare.

If you have access to welding equipment, the operation of "The ultimate mowing machine" would be another simple and effective operation. The advantages of this one:

- o This method has not been used before.
- o It would cause chaos and trauma among the public. The "terrorizing" element here is great. With blades welded to the truck and slashing out at the enemies of Allah at high speed; you can imagine the scene after such an operation!
- o It is a simple operation with great results.
- o With the exception of the welding part, the authorities would have no way of figuring out what you are up to. Owning a truck is by no means an indication of terrorist intent. When you get to the welding part, do it fast so as to not give the authorities a chance to botch the operation. Do the welding right before you take off.

Another option for the individual jihad is the idea we proposed in "Make a bomb in the kitchen of your mom". The pressurized cooker should be placed in crowded areas and left to blow

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up. More than one of these could be planted to explode at the same time. However, keep in mind that the range of the shrapnel in this operation is short range so the pressurized cooker or pipe should be placed close to the intended targets and should not be concealed from them by barriers such as walls.

These are some of our suggestions. The best operation however is the one where you come up with an innovative idea that the authorities have not yet turned their attention to, and that leads to maximum casualties or—equally important—maximum economic losses. Also those brothers of ours who have specialized expertise and those who work in sensitive locations that would offer them unique opportunities to wreak havoc on the enemies of Allah should take advantage of their skills.

For those mujahid brothers with degrees in microbiology or chemistry lays the greatest opportunity and responsibility. For such brothers we encourage them to develop a weapon of mass destruction, i.e., an effective poison with the proper method of delivery.

Poisonous gases such as nerve gas are not out of reach for the chemist and require simple equipment. A microbiologist would be capable of developing the most effective strains of *Clostridium botulinum* and thus develop the most lethal toxin of all: botulin. An effective botulin attack administered properly could lead to hundreds if not thousands of casualties.

For such brothers we would ask them to take the utmost security precautions and take their time even if that means years. Such an operation is worth the wait.

Brothers with less experience in the fields of microbiology or chemistry as long as they possess basic scientific knowledge would be able to develop other poisons such as ricin or cyanide.

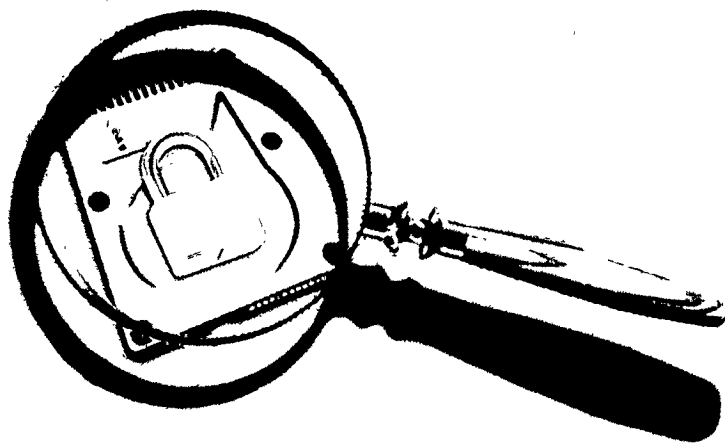
Due to the extreme importance of moving the war with America over to the next stage, the stage of weapons of mass destruction, we will in Shā' Allāh cover such topics in more detail in our upcoming issues. Until then may Allah protect you all and guide you to what is best for you in this life and the afterlife.

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In the previous issue, we discussed in-depth the main function of *Asrar al-Mujahideen 2.0*, namely its communication methods through the use of encryption. Here, we will be touching on some of the extra functions of the program that you can find useful. We will talk about encrypting and decrypting files on your computer. Afterwards, we will discuss the File Shredder process.

Before we start talking about that, it is important to note that getting caught from the intelligence services for using this program will most likely end you up in prison. So we have explained how to use the program, but it is entirely up to you on how to establish communication between contacts without being obvious to the intelligence services that you are using this program. It will take research and exploration on your part in order to devise a well-thought out plan to keep every identity safe.

1. Encrypt File

Let's say you have a Word Document on your computer that you don't want any prying eyes to see. You could just use the hidden feature available on the system or bury the file somewhere in some system file, but it's still possible that someone can find it if he searches hard enough. For law enforcement agencies however, finding files isn't much of an issue. They have programs exclusive to their departments that can seek out what they are looking for based on both the file name and its contents. In order to have some peace of mind, the encryption method would be the best alternative to take.

Towards the bottom of Figure 1.0, you will see a series of tabs. The first of them is 'Select File to Encrypt'. This is what

we want. What will happen in this process of encryption is that a copy of your file will be made and converted into an unreadable format, leaving the original intact. In order to get rid of the original, place a check in 'Shred Out Original File' towards the bottom.

Next, click the yellow folder to the right to select your file. When you click open, you will see the path bar filled in. If not, try again.

Next, you will choose your Pub/Priv key and click the large red arrow. Then you will choose the one which will be able to see your encrypted file and click the large blue arrow.

Afterwards click 'Encrypt File' towards the top left of the menu. You should get a message saying that the file was encrypted successfully. You should then see a file that ends with .enc in the same place your original file is. If you get an error saying 'No mail box specified', then it means you haven't properly chosen either the Local or Remote User (i.e., the blue and red arrows).

2. Decrypt File

Decrypting the file you made is the same process as above. In the main window, you will click on the tab on the bottom 'Select File to Decrypt'. Click the yellow folder to select your file then click 'Decrypt File' at the top left in the menu. You will be asked for your password. Type it in and click OK. Once that's finished, depending on the size of the file, it will take some time to decrypt. You should then get a message saying that the file was decrypted successfully. In the same folder where your encrypted file is, a new folder will be automatically created called

'Decrypted'. In it you will find your file.

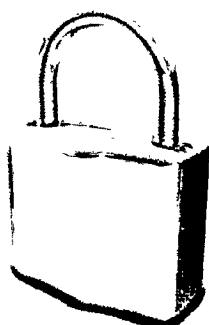
3. File Shredder

Many intelligence officers are able to find deleted files on a hard drive through the use of specially made programs. For instance, let's say a person deleted a file and formatted their computer. After a few years, the hard drive falls into the hands of the intelligence agency. Through their programs, there's a high possibility of them recovering that file. The *Asrar* program has a feature for permanently deleting your files, making it harder for the enemy to retrieve them.

Click on 'File Shredder' on the left menu.

From here, the process is simple. In Figure 1.3 you will see three columns. Starting from the left, the first column shows the root folders and disks of your computer. You will select the folder in which your file is located from here. Once you select the folder, the second column displays all the files in that folder. To delete the file, simply click on it, drag it into the third column and click the 'Shred Files' button towards the bottom.

There are many programs that can do the same. If you ever come across them, you will find options such as wiping three times over, seven times over and so on. This just means that the process of deletion will be repeated that many times. The more times it is wiped over, the safer is your hard drive from prying eyes. The minimum wipe times you should use is 7 times.



KEY FIGURES

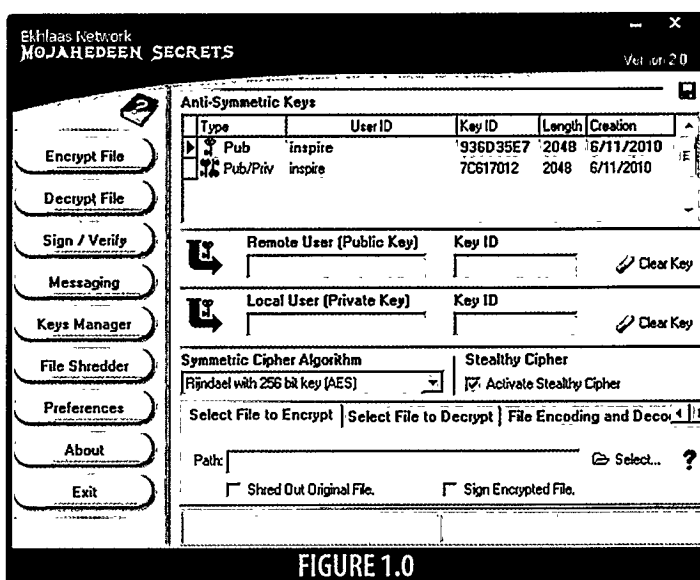


FIGURE 1.0

The first tab in the bottom panel will allow you to encrypt any file of your choosing.

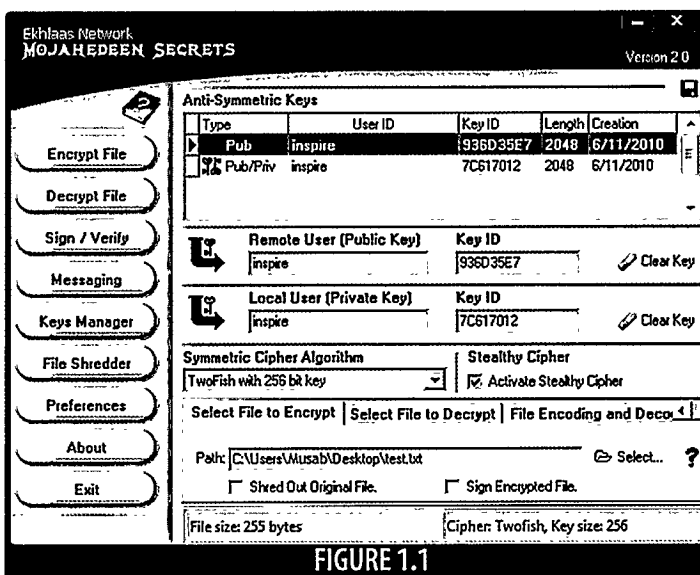


FIGURE 1.1

Select your Pub/Priv key as the local user & then choose a remote user. Then click Encrypt File.

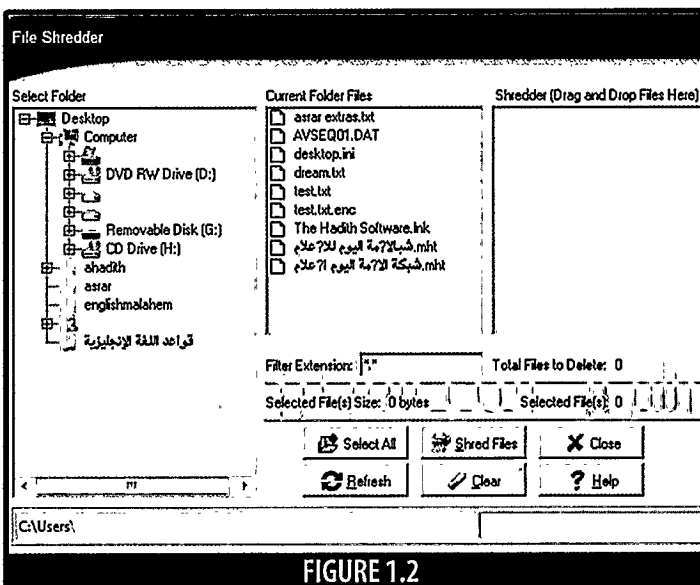


FIGURE 1.2

Choose the folder in which your file is located. Drag & drop from the second column to the third. Click Shred Files.

« Do you think... »

Shaykh `Umar Hussain

In the Qur'an, Allah directs the question: {Do you think?} Or the statement: {Never think...} This sometimes was directed to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, sometimes directed to the disbelievers and sometimes to the hypocrites or disbelievers. In this article we will commentate on these verses. We begin with the verses directed at the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and the believers.

Allah ﷻ says: {And never think of those who have been killed in the cause of Allah as dead. Rather, they are alive with their Lord, receiving provision. Rejoicing in what Allah has bestowed upon them of His bounty, and they receive good tidings about those [to be martyred] after them who have not yet joined them – that there will be no fear concerning them, nor will they grieve. They receive good tidings of favor from Allah and bounty and [of the fact] that Allah does not allow the reward of believers to be lost} [āḷ-`Imrān: 169 - 171].

Allah says they were "killed" so He approved their apparent death. But Allah says that the actual aspects of death do not apply to them. Thus, even though their bodies are dead their souls are alive. The life of their souls is beyond the mere consciousness that all souls, Muslim or non-Muslim, poses after death. Allah says they are with their Lord and they are being provided by Him. These two qualities are the forms of pleasure that are granted by Allah to the martyrs. They loved Allah during their life on this earth so their souls were granted the great honor of being in

the presence of Allah.

Allah says they rejoice because of what He has granted them. They also rejoice in the news they receive about their brothers who are still living but would eventually join them as martyrs. This proves that Allah reveals to the souls of these martyrs part of the knowledge of the unseen by giving them the glad news regarding the people whom they knew who would be granted martyrdom. They rejoice in this news for two reasons: The first: Their brothers would be granted martyrdom. The second: That they will continue fighting the enemies of Allah. They would also rejoice when they come to see what Allah has rewarded them with and see that their efforts were not wasted: {Allah does not allow the reward of believers to be lost}.

There is evidence in this verse that the martyrs are given the knowledge of the future outcome of the life of their loved ones and the ones who are of concern to them.

Allah ﷻ says: {And never think that those who rejoice in what they have perpetrated and like to be praised for what they did not do – never think them [to be] in safety from the punishment, and for them is a painful punishment} [āḷ-`Imrān: 188].

The People of the Book changed the book of Allah and called their people to it. They deceived the masses in the name of Allah and then they wanted to be praised for their falsehood and they were proud in taking credit for their false actions.

The other interpretation is that this verse is talking about the hypocrites who stay behind the Messenger of Allah ﷺ when he goes out to jihad. When the Messenger of Allah ﷺ returns, they rush to him and give excuses for their staying behind and they want to be counted as having the intention of jihad.

Allah ﷻ says: {And never think that Allah is unaware of what the wrongdoers do. He only delays them [i.e., their account] for a Day when eyes will stare [in horror]. Racing ahead, their heads raised up, their glance does not come back to them, and their hearts are void} [Ibrāhīm: 43].

In this verse Allah reminds us that the deeds of the oppressors and wrongdoers will not go unanswered. The one who does not believe in a day of reckoning may wonder: how come there is so much evil in the world? He may ask: why do the tyrants and oppressors get away with their wrongdoing? The believer may also forget that these wrongdoers are going to face Allah. Thus in this verse, Allah reminds us that the evil doers will be humiliated on the last day. Allah says that He is delaying them to a day when the eyes of all creation, including the transgressors, will stare in horror. Allah says they will race ahead with their heads raised up, staring up at the horrors of the Day of Judgment. Allah then gives a telling and unique description to the hearts of these people. He says their hearts are void. The terror is so great for them on that day that their hearts fail them and become empty.

Allah ﷻ says: {So never think that Allah will fail in His promise to His messengers. Indeed, Allah is Exalted in Might and Owner of Retribution} [Ibrāhīm: 47].

This verse is directed to Muhammad ﷺ. Even though the plural "messengers" was used, it is Muhammad ﷺ who is intended. That is because the promise of Allah to the messengers has already passed and was fulfilled. Allah is comforting His Messenger by reminding him that Allah's promises of victory for His Messenger in this world and the ultimate and infinite

you will enter Paradise while such [trial] has not yet come to you as came to those who passed on before you? They were touched by poverty and hardship and were shaken until [even their] messenger and those who believed with him said, "When is the help of Allah?" Unquestionably, the help of Allah is near} [al-Baqarah: 214]

In this verse, Allah is teaching this Muslim nation an important law of life: If you are a follower of the truth, you will be tested. This is an essential lesson of history that the new Muslim *ummah* had to learn. The followers

some Muslims have doubts in victory. But the true believers believe in the promise of Allah. However, they understand that victory does not come until the *ummah* goes through trials that separate the believers from the hypocrites.

Allah ﷻ says: {Or do you think that you will enter Paradise while Allah has not yet made evident those of you who fight in His cause and made evident those who are steadfast?} [āl-'Imrān: 142]

After the battle of Uhud, Allah revealed these verses from *Ṣūrah*

Today the Muslims are going through trials similar to an earthquake and some Muslims have doubts in victory. But the true believers believe in the promise of Allah. However they understand that victory does not come until the *ummah* goes through trials that separate the believers from the hypocrites.

pleasure in the afterlife will be fulfilled.

Allah ﷻ says: {Never think that the disbelievers are causing failure [to Allah] upon the earth. Their refuge will be the Fire – and how wretched the destination} [an-Nūr: 57].

In the verse before this, Allah promised the believers that their fear will be replaced by security and that Allah will give them victory in this world. This verse was revealed at a time when the believers were weak and their enemies were strong and had the upper hand. At such times, when the believers felt surrounded by their enemy, when the enemy was stronger than them in numbers and weaponry and when the enemy seemed to be in control of the land, at times like these, Allah tells the believers that no matter how strong the enemy is, no matter how much they appear to be in control of the earth, there is no place for them on the entire planet to escape from Allah. Allah is the one who controls the affairs of the heavens and earth and these disbelievers have nowhere to run away from Allah and in the Hereafter their abode is Hell.

Allah ﷻ says: {Or do you think that

of Muhammad ﷺ were new to the truth and the Qur'an was teaching them rules and laws that apply to them just as they applied to the followers of every prophet before Muhammad ﷺ. One of these laws of Allah is that you will not enter Paradise until you are tested with poverty or hardship. Allah states that the trials the followers of the prophets went through reached to the extent that they were "shaken". The Arabic word translated here as shaken means: moving something from its place violently. It can also mean earthquake, horror or adversity. What is meant in the verse is that the way of life of the followers of the prophets were changed and shaken by the trials. The trials reached to the point that the prophets asked: When is the victory of Allah? The question by the prophets should not be understood to mean that the prophets were doubting the promise of Allah to give them victory. What it means is that the prophets of Allah were wondering when will the promise of Allah of victory be fulfilled. Allah responded to them, and to the Muslim *ummah* by saying that the victory of Allah is near.

Today the Muslims are going through trials similar to an earthquake and

āl-'Imrān. The Muslims lost the battle and seventy of them were killed including the uncle of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. This came a year after the resounding victory of Badr. In this verse, Allah teaches the Muslims that they must go through two tests: Jihad and patience. To enter Paradise you must go through Jihad and be patient on the trials which would face you on your journey towards Allah. The two trials of Jihad and patience are related because Jihad in itself depends on patience and this shows us the importance of the great virtue of patience.

Allah ﷻ says: {Do you think that you will be left [as you are] while Allah has not yet made evident those among you who strive [for His cause] and do not take other than Allah, His Messenger and the believers as intimates? And Allah is Acquainted with what you do} [at-Taubah: 16].

This verse illustrates the importance of *walā'* and *barā'*. *Al-Walā'* is loyalty towards the believers and *barā'* is disavowal of the disbelievers. Allah says that every Muslim will be tested for his loyalty. A believer will not be left to claim belief without that belief being verified and part of that

verification is by testing where does the loyalty of the believer lie. In every time and age there will be believers and disbelievers. In the time of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ, loyalty to Allah and His Messenger and the believers was by being a soldier of Muhammad's ﷺ and failing that test was in having loyalty towards the Quraish or the Jews. Today loyalty of Allah and His Messenger and the believers is manifested in defending Islam and the Muslims and failure in that test is having ones loyalty towards America and its allies and the agents of America - the rulers of the Muslim world. Those who do not disavow the rulers have not practiced the 'aqidah of *walā'* and *barā'*. Allah closes the verse by saying: {and Allah is acquainted with what you do}.

Allah ﷻ says: {Do the people think that they will be left to say, "We believe" and they will not be tried? But We have certainly tried those before them, and Allah will surely make evident those who are truthful, and He will surely make evident the liars} [al-`Ankabūt: 2-3]

Belief is not a claim to be made without it being verified. There are consequences for proclaiming *Lā ilāha illa Allāh*. A Muslim is tested through trials of life that show his steadfastness. Allah says that the nations before you went through the test and you must go through it too. Allah says that he will make evident those who are truthful and those who are not. For those who turned out to be liars in their claims of faith, this does not necessarily mean that they were claiming faith outwardly and inwardly they were disbelievers. Rather, it means that even though they did believe, their belief was so weak it was not able to withstand the trials and tests of life. It means that they did believe in Allah but they valued other things in life more than Allah and they put these things ahead of Allah. On the other hand, the ones who turned out to be truthful were the ones who were steadfast in their faith until the end. They were

the ones who loved Allah more than everything else and they never put anything ahead of Him. They were the ones who understood that their life on this earth is a test and that they were created to worship Allah alone.

Allah ﷻ says: {Or do those who do evil deeds think they can outrun [i.e., escape] Us? Evil is what they judge} [al-`Ankabūt: 4].

The disbelievers may succeed in winning against the believers in a battle, they may succeed in causing them hardship, or they may have authority and control to the extent that they believe they may defeat the truth. But they are mistaken. No matter how strong the disbelievers are, no matter how much control over the land they have, no matter how many battles they win against the followers of the truth, there is nowhere for them to go. They have no escape. And if they believe that they have a safe haven that would protect them from divine justice, they are wrong.

Allah ﷻ says: {Or do those who commit evils think We will make them like those who have believed and done righteous deeds - [make them] equal in their life and their death? Evil is that which they judge [i.e., assume]} [al-Jāthiyah: 21].

The believers are not equal to the disbelievers in this world and the Afterlife. In this life the believers are living their life in the worship of Allah. They are seeking His pleasure. They strive for good and avoid evil. They fight for good and battle the whispers of the Devil. On the other hand, the disbelievers are living for the fulfillment of their carnal desires. They are slaves to the Devil. So how can the believers be equated to the disbelievers? They are not equal in this life and their situation in the Afterlife must also be different.

In the Afterlife the believers will enjoy the pleasure of Paradise in the care of their Lord. The disbelievers will be in

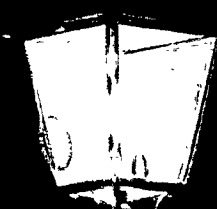
Hellfire suffering the consequences of their disbelief and evil deeds.

Allah ﷻ says: {Or do those in whose hearts is disease think that Allah would never expose their [feelings of] hatred? And if We willed, We could show them to you, and you would know them by their mark; but you will surely know them by the tone of [their] speech. And Allah knows your deeds. And We will surely test you until We make evident those who strive among you [for the cause of Allah] and the patient, and We will test your affairs} [Muhammad: 29 - 31]

Allah threatens the hypocrites who used to plot against the Messenger of Allah ﷺ that He would expose their evil plans. The definition of hypocrisy is professing Islam and hiding disbelief. The hypocrites in the time of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ used to strive to keep their disbelief secret. Allah is telling them that the secret plots they used to work hard on concealing could be exposed to His Messenger if Allah willed.

Allah says to His Messenger ﷺ that if He willed he could have exposed the hypocrites to the him ﷺ one-by-one, and Allah did reveal to His Messenger ﷺ the names of some of the hypocrites. And then Allah says that even if He doesn't mention them by name, the Messenger of Allah ﷺ would be able to distinguish their hypocrisy from their words. The speech of the hypocrites exposes them because it reveals some of the thoughts which they hide.

Today hypocrisy reveals itself in the words of support of America and its stooges in the Muslim world. It reveals itself in servitude to the corrupt rulers of today. Hypocrisy shows itself in the betrayal of the mujahidin who are defending the *ummah* today and shows of loyalty to the enemies of the *ummah*.



A CALL TO ISLAM

HAZIM NOOR

This is a message to the non-Muslims of the world. I wish to echo this message in every building, slum, desert, house, media outlet and corner street. I am not calling you to a race, ideology, or country. Instead, I am calling you to something that has no boundaries in this world. I am calling you all to the eternal light of Islam.

It is the same God that Abraham humbled himself to which I am calling all of you. It is the same call that all the Prophets called to: "Worship Allah and reject disbelief". Verily, there is none worthy of worship except Allah alone and Muhammad is His final Messenger. To Him alone belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and there is not a soul that has a share in His Magnificence. He is Allah; He is not in need of anything but everything depends on Him. There is none like Him as He is above everything.

If you choose to accept this call, with Allah's mercy you will taste the beauty of Islam and enjoy life to its maximum even if you were the poorest person under the sky. That's because you will live Islam in every action of yours and live with the knowledge that Allah has preserved a remarkable gift for you in Paradise. You will find that following the lifestyle of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ will become your occupation as it will be the coolness of your eyes. Islam will teach you that every ism, including materialism, is a mere creation of Allah and that it will perish. But Allah will never perish.

As a Muslim, your life will begin to revolve around the daily prayer which is to be established five times.

The prayer is a re-connection from the spiritual avenues of your heart to Allah directly. If performed correctly, you will feel a change in your spiritual station. In our materialistic world of globalization, it's easy to forget Allah. So the prayer is a chance to repent, mend your ways, build on your weaknesses, cleanse your heart, and dampen your soul in the remembrance of Allah.

You will also begin to realize that your wealth is nothing but a test from Allah. The annual zakat requires a Muslim to give 2.5% of their wealth from the previous year's earnings to charity. Wealth can be both troublesome and a blessing. If abused, every penny will be counted against you on the Day of Judgment. If used for good causes, it will elevate your status in Allah's eyes. You will also come to the realization that you will have a bank in the hereafter. This bank however has no paper money, coins or gold. Rather, it is a bank of deeds. If your good deeds outweigh your evil sins, you will find nothing but felicity from Allah. You add to your deeds from this world by doing all sorts of acts of worship prescribed and explained by Islam. The one who rushes to fill his bank of good deeds in this world will be the one who will find ease entering Paradise in the next, by the permission and kindness of Allah.

Through Islam you will find a return to your inner self and natural being. Every year in the month of Ramadan, the Muslim is required to fast for a full month. Each day he will fast from dawn to dusk and break his fast with light food. Throughout the day, he makes an extra attempt to stay

away from all sorts of sins - whether it be from the tongue, heart, private parts etc. - and he does his best to busy himself in all different types of worship whether it be reading the Qur'an, repeating Allah's name, visiting the sick, giving to the poor, doing additional prayers, cleaning the mosque, using his time with friends and family to talk on Islamic affairs, spreading Islam to others or even smiling. In the night, he stands up in prayer and recites the beautiful verses of the Qur'an to strengthen his faith, conviction, wisdom and character.

Finally the hajj is what the Muslim performs once in his lifetime. The Muslim travels to Makkah and performs the prescribed acts of worship there. This time is to be spent in changing your habits and lifestyle for the better.

Finally, the one who rejects Islam will have to face the consequences of his disbelief on the Day of Judgment. The day where the hair of a child will turn grey and the pregnant woman will drop her load due to the great terror felt on that day. Those who die as practicing Muslims, and not die in a state of sin, will be of those that are the successful. Those who chase after the life of this world will feel its poisonous pangs in the hereafter: a punishing fire that tortures people eternally in the most ferocious of ways. Those who chase after the life of the next will experience pleasures that no eye has ever seen, no ear has ever heard, and no mind has ever thought of: an eternal life of delight and happiness, empty of troubles and difficulties. □



The Prize awaiting shahid

Shaykh Anwar al-Awlaki

Allah ﷻ says¹:

{Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate, [saying], "Peace [i.e., security] be upon you for what you patiently endured. And excellent is the final home} [ar-Ra'd: 23-24].

Jannah is different from *dunyā* in four areas:

- 1 This world is temporary and *akhira* is permanent. Allah says about *dunyā*: [mata `al ghuroor]. And Allah says about *Jannah*: {the afterlife is better and everlasting}.
- 2 There's a difference in *quantity*.
- 3 There's a different in *quality*.
- 4 Everything in *dunyā* is contaminated and everything in *ākhirā* is pure.

Dunyā is temporary and *ākhirā* is permanent. How long are you going to live in *dunyā*? I was watching the news strip on al-Jazeera and it said the oldest man in the world has passed away in Japan at the age of one hundred and fourteen. That's the oldest. One hundred and fourteen. How long will you live in *ākhirā*? Infinity. Now if we want to make a ratio of *dunyā* to *ākhirā*, what do you

do to make a ratio? You divide *dunyā* on *ākhirā*. So 114 divided by infinity, what's the answer? Math tells us that it's zero. Nothing. There isn't even a ratio! But *Rasūlullāh* ﷺ was more generous than that. He said, "if this world was worth the wing of a mosquito..." but then you can notice that *Rasūlullāh* ﷺ said one wing so the mosquito can't even fly! He didn't even say two wings. So *dunyā* is nothing. Worthless.

In Paradise, everything is clean. Everything is pure. There's no call to nature or sweating. Our bodies will come in a different form. Life therein is infinite. There's no time pressure. The people of Paradise are free to do what they like, whenever they like and for as long as they like. One of them could recline on his throne for forty years talking to his wife.

Subhān'Allāh, when you think of this concept of time, because there's no time limit in *ākhirā* - since it's infinite, eternal - if you come out of your mansion for example and see a flower that you like, you could sit there for ten years watching it! You don't have any appointments! You don't have any work to do! You could sit there for a hundred years if you want. There's no time pressure whatsoever, so it's quite a difficult concept to think about. And when you carry

it further, you can even think about things like spending an entire year with Muhammad ﷺ; he would give you that time. If you want for example, you were reading in history and there were somethings you wanted to clarify about Umar bin al-Khattab, you can go and meet him and spend an entire month with him to discuss what happened. There's no time pressure, so there's no reason that this offer would be turned down. If they are busy for the first billion years, you can meet them after that.

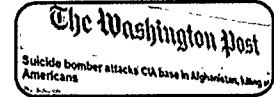
There's no time pressure whatsoever and that's why Ibn al-Qayyim mentioned somethings about *jannah* saying that a man would sleep with his wife for eighty years! He mentioned that it's in a *ḥadīth* but it might be a weak *ḥadīth*; but all these things are possible because there's no time pressure whatsoever; you're free to do whatever you want. You are given four rivers, you can then go and spend an entire summer on these rivers enjoying its beauty because there's no limit. Our minds in *dunyā* are incapable of thinking outside the box when it comes to time... It's infinity, it never stops, it keeps on going. The Energizer bunny would die and you're still alive in *jannah*!

Nothing stands between you and this enjoyment except dying as a *shahīd*. □

¹ The following is a transcript taken from Shaykh Anwar's series on *Mashari al-Ashwaq* (CD 3)

O HESITANT ONE: IT'S AN OBLIGATION!

ABU DUJANAH AL-KHURASANI

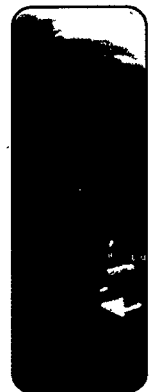


A message from the martyr, may Allah accept him, on the eve of his martyrdom operation against a CIA team in Khost

This is a brief letter of motivation to Jihad in Allah's path which I leave in the mailbox of a Muslim who is wavering between the honor of going forth and the humiliation of staying behind.¹ Know, my brother, that I singled you out for this letter due to my conviction that you are the closest among all people to the mujahidin in Allah's path. Almost no mujahid goes forth to the fields of competition without passing through this stage of indecision and lingering. However, while for some, a few days, hours or minutes suffice, for others this stage goes on and on until even his entire life isn't enough for him to make up his mind. And don't think, my beloved brother, that your brother, this poor slave, isn't aware of your condition. I lived among you for such a long time that it is as if I am wandering around in one of the impoverished neighborhoods of your emotion, or resting my head on a cold sidewalk in the border zone between consciousness and unconsciousness where you have hidden the love of jihad from sight and exiled it like a stranger without an identity or like a lonely heart searching for company. So I am calling to you from there, from the depth of your hearts, with words whose letters resemble pieces of my body which I scatter like severed limbs in the ether, for their echoes to reverberate in your ears forever, and for me to plant them like seeds in your consciences, in the hope that out of them will grow jihad if I water them with my blood tomorrow. Oh, if only I had something other than these words with which to call on you, then I would have flown to you without wings, like a breeze which comes before the winds, in order to stand in front of each one of you, with my eyes looking into your eyes and my hands on your shoulders, to shake you and recite to you Allah's statement, {Unless you go forth, He

will punish you with a painful punishment, and put others in your place. But Him you would not harm in the least} [at-Taubah: 39].

Oh, if only I had as many souls as there are hairs on my head, so that I could send them to the minarets of all mosques in the realms of the Muslims, to call out to the people on the day of the weekly congregation, "O you who have responded to 'Come to the prayer,' there is no good in you if you turn your backs on 'Come to jihad!'" Until when must love of jihad remain confined to daydreams and private thoughts, only coming into view in slips of the tongue? Until when must this longing remain reduced to an embarrassed tear you shed when you see the tragedies of the Muslims, or a passing elation you experience when you hear a *nashid* or read a poem? Until when must the love of jihad remain just another one of those hobbies of yours with which you while away your free time. We're neither looking for discerning viewers nor the emotions of sympathizers: We're looking for you in our midst and if we don't find you, we shall continue to look, and look again. We shall target you with our media productions, laying for you emboldening ambushes and plating motivational mines, in the hope that they will blow up on you as admonishments and reminders which will fill your souls with thoughts and inflame your hearts with a desire to join the caravan of champions. And even if it means having to preoccupy ourselves entirely with you instead of our enemies, we will preoccupy ourselves with you until you join us. We shall continue to search for you and search again, sometimes like a beautiful dream which



¹ The following are a few sections taken from Abu Dujanah's speech to the *ummah* in the As-Sahab Media recording, "O Hesitant one: It's an Obligation!".



tempts you, and sometimes like a terrifying shadow which chases you, in order to disturb your peace and quiet and make your life miserable every time we remind you of your desertion of the mujahidin. We shall send you coded messages whose meaning only you will understand, in newscasts, newspapers, and websites. Every report which talks about us you will read as if it is talking about you. Every discussion about us will seem as if it is complaining to Allah about your staying behind us. You will hear your real names and see your photographs between the lines, among the words and behind the scenes, as you are now on the mujahidin's most-wanted list. You will sense that the mujahidin aren't targeting anyone else in this world other than you, and that they aren't inciting anyone to fight except you, until you join us.

You shall never find enjoyment in any of your habits, nor even in your acts of worship, as long as you continue to refrain from jihad. We shall continue to search for you, and search again, until you join us. My brothers in Allah: Allah has tested the *ummah* with idols who have led the people away from their religion, and thus the Sunnah has been deserted and *bid'ah* has spread, and sound nature has been corrupted and jihad in Allah's path has become a reckless venture and gamble in the eyes of many among the Muslim laity; and human devils sit beside jinni devils on the pathways of the Muslim to turn him away from jihad in the path of Allah, by telling him, "Are you

going to perform jihad in the path of Allah, and get yourself killed, and let your wife remarry and your children become orphans?!" and by telling him, "To whom are you leaving your pretty wife?! Who will be dutiful to your frail mother?! Who will take care of your little child and your elderly father?! And how can you abandon your wonderful work and desert your beautiful house?!" But if you were to mention in front of them that you are going not to jihad in Allah's path, but to spend a summer vacation or take a course in some worldly sciences, you would see their faces brighten, and they would help you with their time, money and counsel, and they would wish they could accompany you, even if only in your suitcase. **{If it had been an immediate gain and a short journey, they would certainly have followed you, but the long journey seemed too far to them}** [at-Taubah: 42].

Beware, my brother, of being turned away from the obligation of jihad by these enemies, who have concealed themselves in the cloak of family and friends. Beware of letting them deceive and mislead you. **{O you who believe! Among your wives and your children are some who are your enemies, so beware of them}** [at-Taghābun: 14].

*And that when death inserts its claws
You find that all amulets are worthless*

Woe to you that death has taken you so quickly and in such a short period of time. It is then that you will realize that you are the loser and that those slackers and deserters around

you swindled you. You will realize that you aren't the same as those mujahidin you used to love, even if you resemble them in your points of view and your claiming to love going forth in Allah's path; whereas they died the way they loved and wished for, you died the way the slackers around you love. And there is neither power nor strength except with Allah.

I swear by He in whose Hand is my soul that this worldly life is narrower and more restrictive for the believer than the mother's womb is for her fetus, and that the easiest way for him to free himself from this restriction is martyrdom in Allah's path. In fact, the blood, suffering and pain which the fetus goes through in order to reach the life of this world is a horrible tragedy when compared with the killing of the martyr, for whom it feels like nothing more than an insect bite. This is death in the culture of the mujahid: a transition from one deficient life to another perfect one, which, although he hasn't experienced it, he knows by heart, through Allah's description of it. **{And He will bring them in unto the Garden which He has made known to them}** [Muhammad: 6].

Demolish the barriers, cross the borders, defy all the security apparatuses, and burst out from all directions towards a Paradise as wide as the heavens and the earth which Allah has prepared for His slaves the martyrs. **{You will soon remember what I say to you. And I entrust my affair to Allah}** [ad-Dukhān: 40]. □



O' my
Ummah,
be Happy
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Be optimistic about
the future of this
ummah. Today, we
are seeing the
champions of
Islam appear from
all parts of the
globe; and they are
on the rise. Join
the effort so that
your goal of mar-
tyrdom is attained

O' My Ummah, be happy, for there are youth whom for you have
sold their lives

When the gun sounds appeared in the battlefields, they gifted
you their souls and bodies

Jihad has called, their weapons don't terrify me and my creed
doesn't accept surrender

Jihad has called, I can't live happily while my brothers' blood is
shed there

They stood up as a mountain facing death, and how could a
monkey (Jew) fight a mountain (Muslim)?

They don't bother with the loads of bombs and fire falling on
them, because their hearts is beating 'jealousy for Islam and de-
termination'

They smiled at death so you can hear among them the takbeer of
'Amr and you can see among them Al-Miqdad

And the soul of the martyr is coming out, so they made Takbeer,
and his mother is spreading flowers

Allah Akbar O' Lions of Islam, enough is the pride of martyrdom
to be the aim of Muslims

The battle became more furious, and the Muslim child has an-
swered the call of Jihad and gifted Islam with his soul

Seek refugee from Allah by takajjud and du'a, who else can
answer the du'a of the du'a makers

O' Allah send them (the Jews) a lash of torture as You have sent
on Thamud and 'Aad

ABU YAQIN AL-QASSIMI

ABU YUSUF

ABU ATTA HUDAYDI

ABI ABDILLAH AL-MUHAJIR

ABU ABID AL-MAKKI

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And Allah selects the pious
they only came to journey to



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LEGITIMATE DEMANDS

BARACK'S DILEMMA



Adam Yahiyeh Gadahn

“THAT'S WHY, NEXT TIME, WE MIGHT NOT SHOW THE RESTRAINT AND SELF-CONTROL WE HAVE SHOWN UP UNTIL NOW; SO MAKE YOUR CHOICE BARACK, BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE.



In fact, Barack, if you ever decide to get serious about improving America's security, protecting the American people, and preventing a sharp rise in the number of American casualties at home and abroad, and in the air, at sea, and on land, then there are a number of simple, sound and effective steps which you can take, which can go a long way towards achieving those goals.¹ The Muslim mujahid in defending their faith and brethren against your nation's evil doing have repeatedly made clear these steps, but because I suspect you have been living in the Ivory Tower and information vacuum in which arrogant Washington insiders like you often live, I shall summarize these steps here.

I strongly suggest you heed and implement them for your own good and the good of your people.

... you must pull every last one of your soldiers, spies, security advisors, trainers, attachés, contractors, robots, drones and all other American personnel, ships, and aircraft out of every Muslim land from Afghanistan to Zanzibar.


... you must end all support, both moral and material, to Israel. And bar your citizens from traveling to occupied Palestine or settling there. And you must impose a blanket ban on American trade with the Zionist regime and investment in it. Your security will not be improved by empty threats like

1 The following are sections taken from As-Sahab Media's release, 'Legitimate Demands 2: Barack's Dilemma'.

those your special envoy made about the possible suspension of American loans, in and of itself, a largely meaningless gesture.

As Shaykh Usama told you, if you don't heed our warnings and stop your support of Israel, we will have no choice but to continue to use other ways to get our message across.

In the name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful. From Usama to Obama: peace be upon he who follows the guidance. As for what comes after: If our messages to you were conveyed by word, we wouldn't send them to you on airplanes; and the message meant to reach you by way of the airplane of the mujahid hero Umar al-Farouk - may Allah release him - is a underlining of a previous message which the heroes of the 11th of September brought to you, and which has been reiterated both before and since: namely, that America will never dream of security until we actually experience it in Palestine, and that it is not fair that you enjoy life while our brothers in Gaza are living the most miserable of lives. And consequently, Allah permitting, our raids against you



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will continue as long as your support for the jihad continues. And may peace be upon he who follows the guidance.

... you must stop all support and aid - be it military, political, economic or otherwise - to the hated regimes of the Muslim world. This includes the so-called 'Development Aid', which your Secretary of State recently identified as being one of the most important elements of future American efforts to combat the Islamic renaissance and jihadi awakening sweeping the Muslim world.

... you must seize all interference in the religion, society, politics, economy, and government of the Islamic world. This means putting an immediate stop to the deployment of your Economic Hit men, CIA jackals, Peace Corp volunteers, US Aid Employees, and UN and US sponsored non-governmental organizations. All of which put together represent the vanguard of American interference in our region and the world.

... you must also put an end to all forms of American and American sponsored interference in the education curricula, and information media of the Muslim world. And you must end all broadcasts targeting our region especially those designed to alter or destroy the faith, minds,

morals and values of our Muslim people.

... you must free all Muslim captives from your prisons, detention facilities, and concentration camps. Regardless of whether they have been recipients of what you call a fair trial or not. As our heroic brother Abu Dujanah al-Khurasani told you with his words and actions, we will never forget our prisoners.

This is a message to all kafirs, that we as Muslims, as mujahidin, as muhajidin and Ansar, we never forget our martyrs. We never forget our prisoners. And we will never forget Aafia Siddiqui, and Sajadah Rishawi. And our jihad, In Sha Allah, will continue till we free our prisoners and until the word of Allah prevails.

Your refusal to release our prisoners or your failure to meet any of our other legitimate demands will mean the continuation of our just struggle against your tyranny, until God willing, you finally relent. But only after massive losses and great suffering for the people of America which you, Barack Hussein Obama, can still prevent provided you make the right decision today.

And let us be clear Barack, a pull out from Iraq alone in the absence of compliance with the remainder of our legitimate demands will get you nowhere. So stop wasting your time Barack, and start making some serious moves. And Barack, there's one other thing you should keep in mind as you mull over your next move. When one compares the already huge number of dead, wounded, displaced, and deprived Muslims, and other people for whose suffering you bear responsibility, with the relatively small number of American's we have killed so far, it becomes crystal clear that we haven't even begun to even the score. That's why, next time, we might not show the restraint and self-control we have shown up until now, so make your choice Barack, before it's too late.



PLEASE EXCUSE ME MOTHER

Please excuse me, *O love of my life*.
You have always been a mother of mercy.

Forgive me for the errors of my days,
And pardon me for that phase.

I know that I have wounded your heart,
Since I frequently experience the same dart.

But Paradise is calling me to conquer my fears
Thus I flew across the sea leaving you in tears...

Please excuse me, and don't say
That I separated myself from you to play.

How is it that I separated my soul
From the one who kept me from the cold?

How is it that I make you cry,
When you are the one most precious to my soul and eye?

You are more precious than the day which my heart loves
As the thought of you gathers the most beautiful doves.

If you knew all the facts
You would certainly relax.

So lend me your compassion,
As I explain myself in succinct words of expression.

Mother, the Muslim's humiliation is called peace,
And the heedless Rulers have put the Ummah up for a lease.

Mother, the Regimes of Sabotage have gathered on our land,
Sinking our Ummah's nobility to that of sand.

Mother, Palestine is the little child under the rubble,
And her grieving mother can only be heard in a bubble.

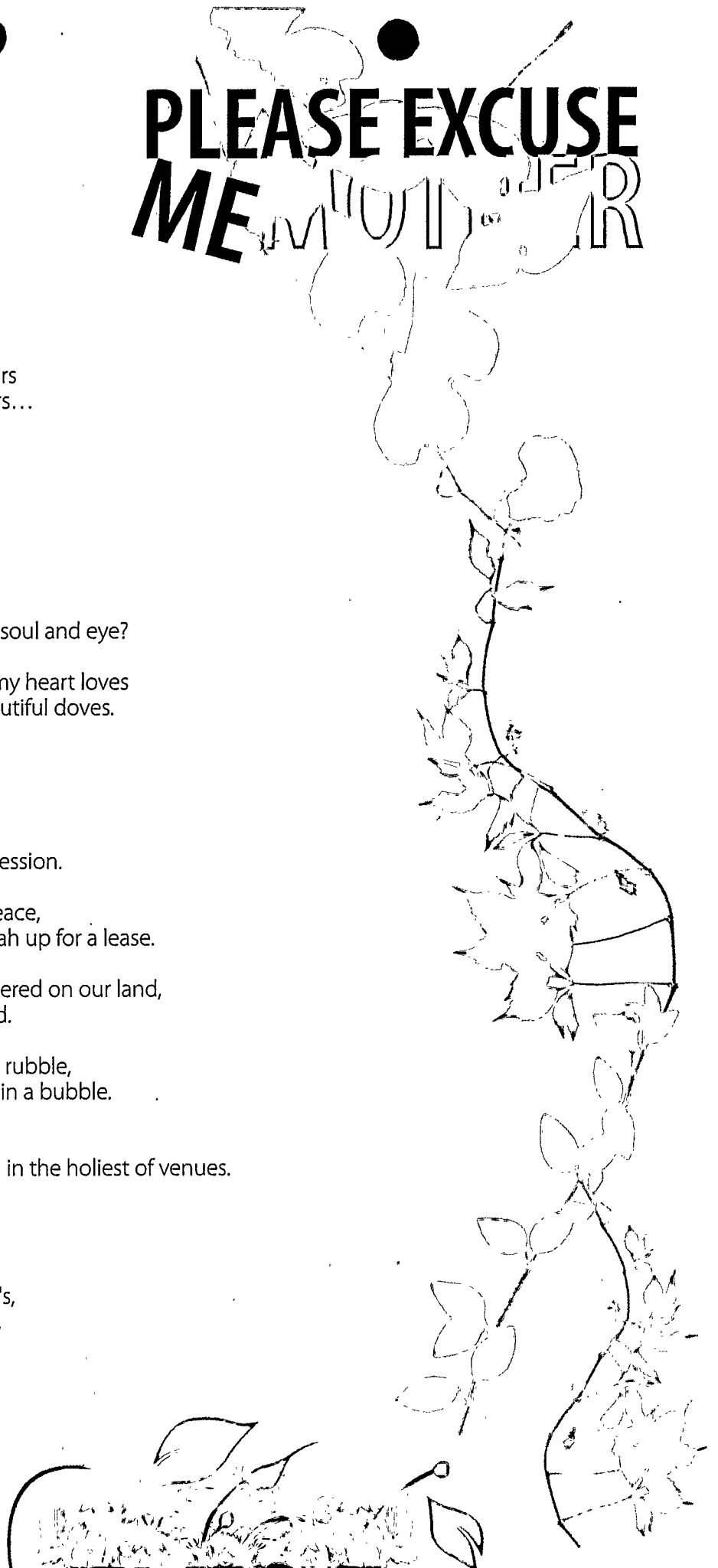
Mother, I can't let this humiliation continue,
Allowing the disbelievers to rape our Nation in the holiest of venues.

The enemy will shout, yell and scream
But I will continue to let my heart beam

For I have put my worries behind my nation's,
Preparing myself to leave all of life's stations,

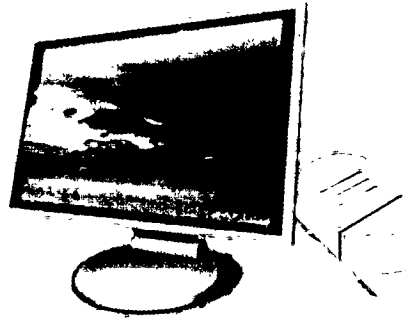
Even if it means that I fight and die,
Without saying goodbye.

Mother, I want to be above all of the strife,
So please excuse me, *O love of my life*.





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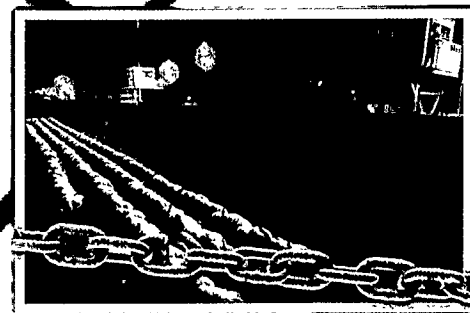


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 May Allah free all Muslims not listed here

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 Shaykh Ali al-Tamimi
 Shaykh Abu Zaid al-Filistini
 Shaykh Jamil al-Amin
 Sister Aafia Siddiqui
 Sister Colleen LaRose
 Brothers of 'The Toronto 17'
 Brothers of 'Fort Dix Case'
 Brother John Walker Lindh
 Brother Daniel Manabudo
 Brother Abdul Hakim Mujahid
 Brother Fahd Hashmi
 Brother Tariq Mehana
 Brother Inhab 007
 Brother Umar al-Faruq
 Brother Nidal Hassan
 Brother Bakar Ahmed
 Brother Sharif Mobley
 Brother Faisal Shahzad
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(U) IONA, formerly Tanzeem-e-Islami North America (TINA), is the North American affiliate of Tanzeem-e-Islami, a fundamental, Pakistani-based religious organization. Prior to 9/11, TINA openly supported the Taliban and provided a method of donating money to the Taliban via the TINA website. Shortly after 9/11, TINA removed the fundraising link from the website. Per the IONA website, www.ionaonline.org, IONA believes in the formation of an "Islamic Order," or the establishment of an Islamic Caliphate. IONA believes it is the a requirement of each Muslim to struggle to establish the "Deen." IONA's website notes that the Islamic Order should be achieved through non-violent means. The website states, "Upon achieving a sound infrastructure, critical mass, and moral credibility to confront the shortcomings of the present corrupt system, the organization will engage in active resistance by means of a non-violent mass movement to promote its goal of establishing the Deen of Allah."

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(U) (S) On 12/09/2010 [redacted] date of birth [redacted]
[redacted] social security account number [redacted] cellular
telephone number [redacted], email account [redacted]
was interviewed by Special Agents (SAs) [redacted]
[redacted] at the FBI-Chicago Field Office, 2111 W Roosevelt, Chicago,
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interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, [redacted]
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[redacted] life. [redacted] inquired as to ways [redacted] could be of further assistance and stated [redacted] wished to provide additional information, as needed, by interviewing agents.

(U) (S) (Writer's note: Throughout the interview [redacted] appeared cooperative and forthcoming with information. [redacted] was comfortable providing [redacted]

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[redacted] having inquired as to ways [redacted] could be of further assistance, appeared motivated to provide additional information to interviewing agents.)

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after being advised of the
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interview, provided the following information:

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(U) The interview concluded with [REDACTED] saying that she would be amenable to meeting with the FBI again in the future. Writer and SA [REDACTED] expressed to [REDACTED] that she is welcomed to contact them at any time.

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AT CHARLOTTE, NC

(U) READ AND CLEAR.

Set Lead 2: (Action)

[REDACTED]

b7E

[REDACTED]

b1
b3
(S) b7E
b6
b7C

Set Lead 3: (Action)

[REDACTED]

b7E

[REDACTED]

b1
b3
(S) b7E
b6
b7C

CC: 1 - [REDACTED] (w/o enclosures)

b6
b7C

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~~SECRET//ORCON,NOFORN~~